

Be Prepared This Hurricane Season

The 2010 Atlantic hurricane season is underway and runs through Nov. 30. Do you know what to do if a storm approaches? Below is a checklist of important steps you can take to prepare.



Have a plan:

- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. Identify an out-of-area person to call so all family members have a point of contact.
- Make a plan for your pets, because they are often not permitted in public shelters.
- Post emergency numbers by phones.
- Check your insurance policy now for hurricane and flood damage coverage. Once a hurricane watch is issued, insurance companies will not write new policies or make adjustments to current policies.
- Document your valuables by photographing/videotaping them. Keep records secure in a safety deposit box or waterproof unit.

When a storm is approaching:

- Secure all outside objects or bring them indoors.
- Fill vehicle fuel tanks and generators.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting.
- Fill bathtubs and any large container with water for washing, cleaning, and flushing toilets in case of service interruptions.
- Assemble a disaster kit with enough supplies to last at least three days per person. For a list of recommended supplies, visit www.fallschurchva.gov.

Know where to find accurate information:

- Register to receive local emergency alerts at alert.fallschurchva.gov.
- Tune your battery-operated radio to 1680 AM, Falls Church City's Emergency Broadcast System.
- Check the City's Web site for updates on City operations.

Additional emergency preparedness tips are available at www.fallschurchva.gov.

New Solid Waste Collection Carts to Roll Out

The City of Falls Church is upgrading its residential curbside solid waste collection programs to make it easier and more convenient for customers and more cost effective for the City. The City's new contractor, American Disposal Services, will deliver one trash cart and one recycling cart to each household in late summer/early fall. The carts are convenient to roll and allow residents to recycle more, keep contents dry, and reduce litter and vermin.



Gray carts are for refuse, green for recycling.

The Department of Environmental Services will be sending a letter or flyer to curbside collection customers detailing the new program and requesting input on the carts by Friday, June 18.

For more information about the carts, visit www.fallschurchva.gov or call the Solid Waste Hotline at 703-248-5160 (TTY 711).

Sign Up Your Child for Summer Fun

Summer vacation officially begins in two weeks for Falls Church City Public School students – it's not too late to sign them up for a summer full of fun. The Recreation & Parks Division offers a variety of camps for youth of all ages:

- Summer Fun Playground Program
- Swim Lessons
- Preschool
- Dance, Art, Science, Cooking and Theater
- Adventure and Teen Excursion
- Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Flag Football, Golf, Cheer and Baseball
- Multi-sport
- Horseback Riding



The 2010 Summer Camp brochure is available at the Community Center (223 Little Falls St.) and online at www.fallschurchva.gov. Call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711) for more information.

Don't Get Caught Off Guard Sign Up For Alert Falls Church

Get real-time updates and instructions on what to do and where to go during an emergency in Falls Church City, by registering for Alert Falls Church. You will receive alerts from the City via portable electronic devices and e-mail, **only** in the event of an emergency. Sign up for this free service at alert.fallschurchva.gov. You can also visit alert.fallschurchva.gov to update your profile, and add or delete devices from the emergency distribution list.

Volunteers Sought for Pedestrian Bicycle And Traffic Calming Advisory Committee

The City of Falls Church is seeking citizen volunteers to serve on the Pedestrian Bicycle and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee to help with the creation of the Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Calming Strategic Implementation Plan. This plan will include an inventory of every City street and will outline policies, design criteria, and specific improvements that will further enhance safety, comfort, and access for pedestrians, bicyclists, wheelchair users, and transit riders.

The committee will review data, inform priorities, provide feedback on recommendations, and coordinate public meeting strategies. The project timeline is approximately one year; the committee work will begin immediately following Council appointment of the members. Applicants should have experience with the bicycle and/or pedestrian network in the City.

Anyone interested should submit completed applications (www.fallschurchva.gov/Content/Government/BC/BCApplication.pdf) to the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@fallschurchva.gov. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, June 30.

For more information, contact Wendy Block-Sanford, Principal Planner/Transportation Planner, at 703-248-5041 (TTY 711) or wblocksanford@fallschurchva.gov.

www.fallschurchva.gov - The official site for City of Falls Church news

Questions or Comments?

City of Falls Church, Harry E. Wells Building
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703-248-5003 (TTY 711)
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JUNE 2010

- 5 First Half Real Estate Taxes Due
- Farmers' Market, 8 a.m. - noon
- 7 City Council Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission, 7:45 p.m.
- 8 Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Session
- Housing Commission, 7 p.m.
- 9 Solid Waste Collection
- General District Court in Session
- Cable Access Board, 7 p.m.
- Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation, 7:30 p.m.
- City Council Appointments Committee, 7:30 p.m.