



Town of Mount Desert

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hurricane Earl May Impact Maine this Weekend - Based on current model projections it is possible that the effects of Hurricane Earl will impact at least the coastal regions of Maine late this week and into the weekend. The Town of Mount Desert Emergency Management Office joins with the Maine Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service to remind our local residents and visitors to pay close attention to weather forecasts and conditions in their areas, and to observe all safety precautions. We would also urge citizens to start thinking about what they need to be doing now in case the hurricane does strike Maine.

Some hurricane preparedness considerations:

- Plan where you will go and how you will get there if you have to evacuate.
- Have two evacuation routes not subject to flooding
- Know whether your home could be subject to flooding. Contact your town or county emergency management agency if you're not sure.
- Purchase flood insurance if your home could possibly flood. Homeowner's insurance does not cover floods.
- Plan for the safety of your pets. Most shelters do not accept pets.
- Purchase a NOAA Weather Alert Radio
- Talk with other family members about your plan especially if you have special needs or mobility limitations
- If you own a boat have a hurricane plan for it
- Contact your local or county emergency management agency or American Red Cross chapter if you have questions

We will continue to monitor weather reports and all watches and warnings as they are issued and begin activation the Town's Emergency Operations Plan if necessary.