

### KIUC Reminds Members to Prepare for Hurricane Season

*Līhu'e, Kaua'i, HI – 05/27/2020* – Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative advises members that hurricane season begins June 1 and runs through November 30. “This is a good time of year to refresh your supplies and review your emergency plan for both home and business,” said Brad Rockwell, KIUC’s Executive Manager of Operations. He adds: “It’s important to be prepared at all times, because storms can occur before and after the official season.”

Ways you can prepare for hurricane season:

- Know the procedures for emergency conditions and if your home is in an inundation or flood zone
- Make a plan to shelter in place or having an evacuation plan
- Secure important documents and keep them in a safe place
- Cut back trees and shrubs and secure or store loose objects around your home
- Have an emergency kit with a minimum of 14 days of food, water and other supplies.

Storm preparation is also important. Here are tips on how to prepare for possible power outages:

- Protect your appliances and sensitive equipment from power outages and surges that may occur because of bad weather by using surge protectors
- During a storm, turn off and unplug all unnecessary appliances or equipment
- If you must evacuate, turn off the electricity and shut off your gas before you leave
- Keep a portable battery-powered radio and flashlights on hand with extra batteries
- In case of power loss, when the power comes back on and is steady, gradually plug in your appliances.

In the event of high winds, objects can come into contact with overhead lines and electrical equipment causing power interruptions. Sometimes during high winds power lines are knocked down. If you see any lines from utility poles on the ground stay at least 30 feet clear and assume that they are dangerous and call 911.

Storm preparedness tips can be found on KIUC’s website and general emergency preparedness information can be found at the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency’s website at [www.Kauai.gov/KEMA](http://www.Kauai.gov/KEMA).

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