

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BROWNSVILLE TX
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...PREPARING IN ADVANCE FOR DOLLY...

TROPICAL STORM DOLLY HAS FORMED OVER THE NORTHWEST CARIBBEAN SEA. DOLLY IS FORECAST AT THIS TIME TO MOVE NORTHWEST ACROSS THE YUCATAN PENINSULA AS A TROPICAL STORM...THEN STRENGTHEN TO A CATEGORY ONE HURRICANE OVER THE WESTERN GULF OF MEXICO...EVENTUALLY MAKING LANDFALL JUST SOUTH OF BROWNSVILLE OVER EXTREME NORTHEAST MEXICO AS A CATEGORY ONE HURRICANE. AT THIS INTENSITY...DOLLY WILL CAUSE STRONG WINDS WITH HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. RESIDENTS OF DEEP SOUTH TEXAS CAN TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS NOW TO PREPARE FOR DOLLY.

...BUILD AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT...

DOLLY MAY CAUSE POWER OUTAGES...SO AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT IS VERY IMPORTANT. YOUR KIT SHOULD CONTAIN FOOD AND WATER...WITH A THREE TO SEVEN DAY SUPPLY OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD...AND ONE GALLON OF BOTTLED WATER PER PERSON PER DAY. REMEMBER TO INCLUDE FOOD AND ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR BABIES...THE ELDERLY...AND PETS.

...PREPARE YOUR HOME...

STRONG WINDS FROM DOLLY MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME OR TO YOUR NEIGHBORS HOME. TO DECREASE THE CHANCES FOR DAMAGE...REINFORCE YOUR GARAGE DOOR...AND COVER WINDOWS WITH PLYWOOD. BE SURE TO MOVE PATIO FURNITURE...OUTDOOR GRILLS...TRASH CANS...AND LAWN ORNAMENTS TO AN INSIDE AREA...AS THESE ITEMS MAY BECOME FLYING MISSILES IN STRONG WINDS.

...KNOW WHERE TO GO...

EVACUATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN REQUESTED OR ORDERED BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OR OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER...IN THE EVENT OF EVACUATIONS...MAKE SURE YOUR AUTOMOBILE IS FULLY FUELED...AND IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION...BEFORE LEAVING. KNOW THE EVACUATION ROUTE THAT YOU WILL USE...AND EXPECT TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND DELAYS. KEEP IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU ARE SAFE.

...STAY INFORMED...

FOR THE VERY LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING DOLLY...CLOSELY MONITOR LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS...NOAA WEATHER RADIO...AND OUR INTERNET WEBSITE AT WWW.WEATHER.GOV/BROWNSVILLE.

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