



# MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY** **Hurricane Preparedness Week**

**Pearl** – As part of Hurricane Preparedness Week, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency will host and take part in the following events on the Gulf Coast next week:

### **Tuesday, May 26**

News conference kicking off Hurricane Preparedness Week. Topics to be discussed include:

- New contra-flow plans.
- Continued cooperation between Mississippi and Louisiana to facilitate orderly and safe evacuation.
- The importance of having a disaster supply kit and family emergency plan that includes provisions for pets.
- Evacuation destination and route planning.
- Information for transportation of medical special needs citizens.

**Location:** Interstate 59 Welcome Center in Picayune, at 3 p.m.

### **Wednesday, May 27 through Friday, May 29:**

MEMA staff will provide public tours of MEMA's Mobile Operations Command Center and distribute hurricane tracking charts and preparedness guides. The Red Cross and local emergency managers will also participate.

**Wednesday:** Hancock County

**Location:** Wal-Mart parking lot at 460 Highway 90 in Waveland from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Thursday:** Jackson County

**Location:** Wal-Mart parking lot at 4253 Denny Ave. in Pascagoula from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Friday:** Harrison County

**Location:** Edgewater Mall at 2600 Beach Blvd in Biloxi from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Governor Haley Barbour declared the week of May 25 – 29 Mississippi's Hurricane Preparedness Week.

MEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, other state agencies and non-profit organizations will provide information and preparedness tips all week to help residents prepare for the upcoming season. For more information, go to [www.msema.org](http://www.msema.org).

For more information on National Hurricane Preparedness Week go to The National Hurricane Center's Web site at [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov).

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