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## **Code Council resources help prepare for safety and recovery as Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1**

*The International Code Council is committed to helping communities stay safe in the midst of hurricanes and tropical cyclones*

**Washington, D.C.** – June 1 marks the beginning of the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season and preparing for natural disaster safety and recovery is a top priority. All levels of government and the private sector must work together to ensure communities are safe and resilient from devastating natural disasters. Throughout hurricane season, the International Code Council is dedicated to helping communities stay safe in their homes, workplaces and neighborhoods.

The Code Council and its members are ready to help through the [Disaster Response Alliance](#). Local and state jurisdictions in the U.S. as well as federal agencies may also contact the Disaster Response Alliance for help to reach skilled professionals who volunteer to assist jurisdictions that request aid with building damage assessment, building inspections and other code-related functions in disaster areas. Code Council members also assist devastated communities with post-disaster building plans reviews, inspections and permit operations through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

“The momentum and awareness we’ve raised during Building Safety Month about the importance of disaster mitigation and building code adoption continues as we enter this year’s hurricane season,” said Code Council CEO Dominic Sims, CBO. “Code officials play an integral role in preparing communities for natural disasters and in navigating recovery after a devastating event. The Code Council and its members are ready to help protect our communities.”

On Thursday, June 3, the Code Council, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and state and local officials will host a webinar on the implementation of FEMA’s new disaster recovery policy for code enforcement and administration. This new policy offers building officials and communities an effective way to access many of the resources needed to effectively administer and enforce building codes and floodplain management ordinances for up to 180 days following a major disaster declaration. [Register for this free webinar](#) to learn about more about this important new policy, including what activities are eligible and how to apply for reimbursement.

Resources to help prepare for hurricane season:

- [Seasonal Hurricane Predictions](#)
- [FEMA: Hurricane Safety](#)

- [Building Safety Month Week 4: Disaster Preparedness](#)
- Visit the Code Council's [Hurricane Safety & Recovery](#) page to access more useful links and resources to help prepare for hurricane season.

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### **About the International Code Council**

The [International Code Council](#) is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.