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## **HARTFORD PREPARED FOR “EARL” STORM RELATED INFORMATION**

### **---NEWS RELEASE---**

(September 2, 2010)--- The City of Hartford Flood Control System received full accreditation from FEMA in 2009 for the 100-year level of protection. This upgrade was instituted in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. This accreditation signifies that Hartford’s system meets the engineering criteria set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations regarding levee systems. The City’s Flood Control System stands fully operational and ready to protect the City from the effects of Hurricane Earl, or other tropical storms.

For information on our city website:

[http://www.hartford.gov/Emergency\\_Management/default.htm](http://www.hartford.gov/Emergency_Management/default.htm)

In the meantime, here’s some helpful information and more from the American Red Cross is attached (in both English and Spanish):

#### **Before the hurricane**

- Stay tuned to radio or TV for updates.
- Have batteries for radio and flashlights.
- Shutter or board windows in your home.
- Secure outdoor objects or bring them inside.
- Stock up on food and water in case you must take shelter in your home.
- Fuel up your car in case you need to evacuate.
- Turn off utilities at the main valves or switches if instructed.

#### **During the hurricane**

- Stay on the ground floor or in a hallway.
- Get under a table or strong object.
- Keep away from windows and glass doors.
- Close all inside doors.

#### **After the hurricane**

- Remain in a safe location until told to leave.
- Do not drive unless necessary.
- Do not drink tap water until authorities say it’s safe.
- Stay away from waterways until potential flooding has passed.
- Report downed power lines and broken gas and sewer mains to officials.
- Inspect your home for damage.

Again, more information from the American Red Cross is attached.