**BEFORE THE STORM**

**HURRICANE WATCH PERIOD**
- Secure shutters in place.
- Fill your car with gas. Get cash and stock up on hurricane supplies.
- Test your smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms—replace batteries. Keep spare batteries on hand.
- Secure or bring loose outside items indoors.
- Decide if you will stay in your home or evacuate.

**HURRICANE WARNING PERIOD**
- To ensure you have enough medication, have your prescription filled once a warning has been issued.
- If you’re planning to leave the area, evacuate early. Traffic will be a nightmare.
- Designate a safe room with no windows.
- Gather all hurricane supplies.
- Make sure you have shutters or impact glass.
- Create an emergency supply kit with food and water.
- Make sure your home address numbers are visible from the street.
- Clear foliage and brush around the home.
- Fill bathtubs and buckets with water as a reserve water source for cleaning and flushing toilets.*
- Keep pets safe.
- Charge your cell phone.
- Avoid cordless house phones. Use traditional phones. Check with service provider about backup power supply.

*BE ADVISED* Can be a drowning risk for small children.

**DURING THE STORM**

*Stay inside during the storm.*
- Stay in your safe room and listen to the radio for updates.
- Never go outside during the storm, and stay away from windows and glass doors.
- Don’t be fooled when the winds subside. This could be caused by the passing of the eye of the storm, in which case winds will pick back up.
- **NO CANDLES**—use battery-operated flashlights and/or lanterns.
- Remember, 911 cannot respond during the worst parts of the storm.

**AFTER THE STORM**

**Do NOT go outside until it’s safe.**
- Remove/open at least one shutter in each room.
- Don’t cook on grills indoors. **Smoke can produce deadly carbon monoxide gas.**
- Always use generators outside at least 20 feet away from all openings to the home with exhaust pointed away from home.
- Store extra vehicle/generator gasoline in an approved and sealed safety container. Use up quickly after storm passes.
- Watch out for downed power lines.
- Avoid driving through puddles; they can be deeper than they appear.
- Treat non-working traffic lights as four-way stops.
- Keep all roads clear for emergency workers.

**Hurricane SUPPLY LIST**
- Water (enough for 5 days)
- Non-perishable food (enough for 5 days)
- Can opener
- Fire extinguisher
- Extra clothing, shoes, and bedding for each family member
- Batteries for flashlights and radios
- First-aid kit
- One-month supply of prescription medications
- Extra cash
- Whistle
- Trash bags
- Important documents (Keep in a dry, sealed waterproof bag or container.)
- Personal supplies for each family member (e.g., infant formula, diapers, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, medications, etc.)
- Portable USB charger for cell phones
- Pet supplies (e.g., food, immunization records, water, carrier, leash, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies