

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.



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**

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.

