

HURRICANE CHECKLIST

- Have you planned an evacuation route? Do you know where the nearest shelter is?
- Trim dead or weak branches from trees.
- Do you have flood insurance? There is a 30-day waiting period before coverage is effective. Property insurance normally excludes flood.

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH: LISTEN TO THE RADIO OR TV FOR HURRICANE PROGRESS REPORTS.

- Check to be sure you have emergency supplies. (see page 2)
- Fill all your cars with fuel.
- Bring in all outdoor objects like lawn furniture, toys, garden tools, etc. Anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Protect your windows. While permanent shutters are the best protection, 1/2" plywood panels may be cut to fit each window. Mark which board fits which window and screw them into pre-drilled holes 18" apart.
- Turn refrigerator & freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary.
- Move boats to a designated safe place, or moor them securely. Secure boats to trailer with chain or rope. Use tie-downs to anchor the trailer to the ground.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING: KEEP YOUR RADIO OR TV ON AT ALL TIMES.

- Get to shelter. When inside, avoid elevators and stay away from windows, skylights & glass doors.
- Fill all bathtubs, jugs, bottles, pots & pans with water.

IF POWER IS LOST, TURN OFF MAJOR APPLIANCES TO REDUCE POWER SURGE WHEN ELECTRICITY IS RESTORED.

IF YOU MUST EVACUATE:

- Leave as soon as possible, avoiding flooded roads. Watch for washed out bridges.
- Unplug all appliances. Turn off electricity and main water valve.
- Tell someone outside the storm area where you are going.
- If time permits, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding.
- Take emergency supplies, warm protective clothing and blankets or sleeping bags with you.
- Don't forget your cellular phone and battery pack for recharging.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO HAVE ON HAND...

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Portable radio with extra batteries
- A telephone that doesn't require electricity to operate
- First aid kit
- Emergency food & water (bottled water and food that doesn't require refrigeration or cooking)
- Hand operated can opener
- Essential medicines (at least a 5 day supply)
- Cash & credit cards (to buy necessities for at least 5 days)
- Sturdy shoes and work gloves

AFTER THE STORM:

Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police or fire department.

Beware of snakes, insects or animals driven to higher ground by flood water.

Check gas, electrical and water lines for damage. Wear heavy shoes and work gloves to protect against debris and broken glass.

Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.

Check refrigerated foods for spoilage.

If you sustain any damage from the storm, report it as soon as possible to your insurance agent.