

Hurricane Emergency Response Plan

Before a Hurricane
●Build an emergency kit and a family communication plan.
●Know your surroundings.
●Learn the elevation level of your property. This will help you know how your property may be affected if a hurricane is forecasted.
●Learn community hurricane evacuation routes.
●Make plans to secure your property.
●Use some kind of window break prevention.
●Install additional fasteners to your roof.
●Be sure trees and shrubs are trimmed to be wind resistant.
●Reinforce your garage doors.
●Plan to bring any outdoor furniture or decoration.
●If in a high-rise building be ready to take shelter on or below the 10th floor.
●Consider building a safe room.
Hurricanes can cause heavy rains which may lead to flooding.
During a Hurricane
If a hurricane is likely in your area:
●Listen to the radio or TV for information.
●Secure your home, close storm shutters, bring outdoor objects inside.
●Turn off utilities if instructed to do so.
●Turn off propane tanks.
●Avoid using the phone except for serious emergencies.
●Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purpose.
●Find out how to keep food safe.
You should evacuate:
●Only if instructed to do so by the authorities.
●If you live in a mobile home.
●If you live in a high-rise building.
●If you live in the coast or near a river.

After a Hurricane
●Continue listening to the radio or TV for the latest updates.
●Stay prepared for a massive rainfall or subsequent flooding.
●If separated from your family use your family communication plan.
●If you evacuated return home only after authorized permission.
●If you can't return home connect with your local shelter.
●Drive only out of absolute necessity. Avoid flooded roads.
●Check for loose power lines around your home and report if you find any.
●Check your home for gas leaks and structural damage before entering.
●Stay out of any building if you notice gas leaks, floodwaters or fire damage.
●Inspect your home and take pictures of any damage for insurance purposes.
●Use flashlights, DO NOT use candles. ●Disclaimer: turn flashlight on before entering the building.
●Keep pets close and under direct control.
●Avoid drinking tap water before you make sure it's not contaminated.
●Check food for spoilage.
●Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes when cleaning up to avoid injury.
●Use the phone only for emergency calls.
●NEVER use a generator indoors.