



Preparing Your Home for Hurricane Season

Preparing your home

- Have back-flow valves installed in your plumbing's sewer traps to prevent flood waters from backing up into the drains of your home.
- Make a list of items to bring inside in case of hurricane-force winds and/or flooding (patio furniture, lawn decorations, tools, trash cans, planters, etc.).
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts so water is able to drain properly.
- Raise your furnace, water heater and electric panel if they are in areas of your home that may be flooded.
- Seal walls and openings in basements with waterproofing compounds to avoid seepage through cracks.
- Photograph your home & possessions for insurance.
- Follow recommendations for boarding up windows & doors should winds reach hurricane force.
- Know how to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so.

Family disaster plan

- Keep supplies handy that will help reinforce your home.
- Locate the safest areas in your home.
- Find the safest area in your community.
- Plan evacuation routes & a place to reunite after event.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a point of contact so all family members can check in should you separate.
- Make a plan for pets should you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones & make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Keep insurance papers in a waterproof container to take with you if you need to leave your home.
- Stock non-perishable food, emergency supplies and medicines in a disaster supply kit.
- Use a NOAA weather radio and keep extra batteries on hand.
- Keep your vehicle(s) filled with gas when storms are expected.

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