



Natural Disaster Preparedness Checklist

Before the Storm

- Prepare for the possibility of an electrical outage.
- Safeguard important documents.
- Identify the most secure area of your home.
- Consider installing shutters, roof reinforcements or other safeguards against hurricanes.
- Secure outdoor items that may be carried away by strong winds.
- Gather details on how to contact family and where to meet in case you are separated.
- Prepare a go-bag that includes water, flashlights, snacks, medications, first aid items, a small radio, hygiene items, etc.

During the Storm

- Take refuge in the most secure area of your home or at a community shelter depending on the severity of the storm.
- Stay away from windows and open doors.
- Stay off the roads! Do not attempt to drive.
- Listen for storm updates on the radio.
- Wait for the all-clear from officials before leaving a secure area.

After the Storm

- Return to damaged site during daylight hours.
- Wear protective gear if you decide to clean up the property (e.g. gloves, goggles, etc.).
- Stay away from buildings that have not been inspected and deemed to be safe.
- Be careful of broken glass, downed wires, exposed nails and sharp objects.
- Do not turn electricity on or off.
- Do not use electrical items while standing in water.
- If there is water damage, seek assistance in safely turning off the power at the main breaker.