

DURING A HURRICANE Checklist

HURRICANE WATCH AND WARNING PROCEDURES

Equipping yourself and family with the necessary instructions can be life-saving during a hurricane watch and warning.

PREPARE

- Listen to the radio or television for instructions from local authorities and for updated hurricane status and progress
- Review evacuation plan and revise if necessary
- Make sure car is fully fueled and you are equipped with an emergency auto kit
- If you are a pet owner contact the shelter where your pet will be housed
- If instructed turn off utilities: main water valve, electricity, and propane tanks
- Secure windows, reinforce garage doors, secure items in home and bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture and tools
- Remove outdoor antennas
- Avoid open flames for light during hurricane; use flashlights
- Turn off major appliances to prevent power surge if the power is restored
- Have cell phone fully charged
- Fill bathtubs & sinks with water for an additional water source

EVACUATION

- Car phone charger
- If instructed by local authorities, evacuate your home
- Evacuation is absolutely necessary if you live in a mobile home, RV, temporary structure or high-rise building
- Inform family members outside of hurricane area of the situation and inform them of the safe location you will be staying
- Use the stairs instead of elevators

NON-EVACUATION

- When waiting out the storm in your home take the proper cautions to ensure safety for yourself and others.
- If you are unable (or are not instructed) to evacuate, stay indoors
- Close all interior doors
- Stay away from glass doors, skylights, and windows
- Keep curtains and blinds closed
- Take shelter in a small interior room, closet, or hallway without windows
- Lie under a table or sturdy object