

# HURRICANE GUIDELINES

## 36 HOURS

- Restock your emergency preparedness kit: Food & water for 3 days (for each household member), medications, flashlight & batteries, cash, First Aid supplies
- Plan communication with family in case of power loss
- Review evacuation zone, route, and shelter locations
- Keep cars in good conditions & gas tanks full; Stock with emergency supplies and change of clothes

## 18-36 HOURS

- Bring loose, lightweight objects inside that could become projectiles in high winds (patio furniture, garbage cans, etc); Anchor objects unsafe to bring indoors (propane tanks); Trim/remove trees close enough to fall on your home/building
- Cover all windows - permanent storm shutters offer the best protection. Another option is to use 5/8" exterior grade/marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install

## 6-18 HOURS

- Turn on TV/Radio, or check local city/county website every 30 minutes to get latest weather updates and emergency instructions
- Charge your cell phone (and any other electronics) now so you will have a full battery if you lose power

## 6 HOURS

- If you're not in an area that is recommended to evacuate, plan to stay home or where you are.
- Close storm shutters, stay away from windows. Flying glass from broken windows can cause injury.
- Turn refrigerators and freezers to coldest setting and open only when necessary. If you lose power, food will last longer. Keep a thermometer in the refrigerator to check food temp when power's restored.
- Turn on TV/Radio, or check city/county website every 30 minutes to stay updated on weather and emergency instructions.

## DURING

- If told to evacuate, do so IMMEDIATELY. Do NOT drive around barricades.
- If sheltering from high winds, go to a small, interior, windowless room/hallway on lowest floor not subject to flooding.
- If trapped in a building by flooding, go to the highest level of the building - NOT a closed attic, as you may be trapped by rising waters.
- Listen for current emergency information and instructions.
- Do NOT walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.

## AFTER

- Listen to authorities for information, special instructions, and updates.
- Be careful during cleanup. Don't touch electrical equipment if it's wet or you're standing in water. If safe, turn off electricity at the main breaker/fuse box to prevent electric shock.
- Avoid wading in flood water - dangerous debris and/or underground/downed power lines can electrically charge the water.
- Save phone calls for emergencies. Use text or social media to communicate with family/friends.
- Document any property damage with pictures - contact your insurance company for assistance.