



# Hurricane Safety Tips

## TERMS TO KNOW

**Hurricane Watch:** Hurricane conditions are a real possibility for an area.

**Hurricane Warning:** A hurricane is expected within 24 hours. BEGIN PRECAUTIONARY ACTION AT ONCE.

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## ACT NOW TO BE PREPARED!

- Develop a family plan for survival and property protection.
  - If your residence is in a potential flood or storm surge zone, be prepared to evacuate when officials recommend it.
  - Make arrangements now for elderly and others with special needs such as those who depend on electrical life support.
  - Identify a friend or family member, from a non-threatened area, that you will keep informed about your family's plans.
  - Plan what to do with your pet.
  - Inventory personal property; safely secure all records and valuable documents in a watertight place.
  - Have materials available to protect your doors and windows.
  - Have emergency cash or traveler's checks saved.
  - If your job requires you to work during a storm, make sure now that at least one adult will be with the children, elderly or those with special needs.
  - Put together a family hurricane evacuation kit.
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## HURRICANE WARNING

- Listen for weather updates and stay informed.
- Keep a portable radio and flashlight on hand—with fresh batteries.
- Re-check all emergency supplies and equipment.
- Lear your yard of all loose objects.
- Moor your boat securely.
- Store drinking water in clean containers.
- Shutter, board or tape all windows.
- Plan a flood-free evacuation route, and know where to go.
- If ordered to evacuate—COMPLY IMMEDIATELY! Take your HURRICANE EVACUATION KIT. Let your friends, family know where you are going.



NO SMOKING, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, WEAPONS OR PETS ARE ALLOWED IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.

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## HURRICANE EVACUATION KIT

Keep kit ready to go within hours. Include batter-operated radio and flashlight, plus the following:

- First Aid Kit
- Two-week supply of medicine
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Extra clothing, infant necessities
- Personal items including books and toys
- Important papers (valid ID)
- Checkbook, cash, credit card(s), ATM card(s)



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## AFTER THE STORM

**DO NOT ENTER EVACUATED AREAS UNTIL LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED AN ALL-CLEAR.**

- Stay away from disaster areas. Do not sightsee!
- Obey all curfews and emergency orders that are issued.
- If you must drive, use caution. Be aware of road and bridge washouts, and storm debris on roadways.
- Advise interested parties that you are safe.
- Use caution when using food from you refrigerator or ice chest. Check for spoilage.
- Avoid all downed power lines. Assume that all have live electricity.
- Take extra precautions to prevent fire. Lowered pressure in water mains may make firefighting extremely difficult.
- Have your electric, gas, and water connections checked before turning them back on.
- Use your emergency supply or boil water before using until there is official word that the water is safe.

