



A Hurricane Warning

This means a hurricane expected in the area, usually within 24 hours.

- Keep track of local official's warnings, and be ready to evacuate if necessary.
- Stay inside and away from windows.
- After the eye of the storm passes, the storm can worsen, as anything damaged by the first half of the storm can be picked up by the second half of the storm.
- Stay away from flood water. If in your automobile, find an alternate route if you see flood water.
- Beware of tornadoes.

A Hurricane Watch

This means a hurricane is possible in the area. Be prepared to do the following:

- Bring lawn furniture, garbage cans, and outdoor decorations indoors.
- Get pre-cut plywood to cover windows.
- Fill the gas tank in your automobile.
- Be sure your Emergency Preparation kit is complete. For ideas on what to have prepared, use our 'Emergency Preparation Information' document.

Prepare Your Home

By taking these measures, or hiring licensed professionals, to secure your home you can help reduce damages:

- Gabled roofs can become significantly damaged; have the trusses and walls strengthened and braced.
- Use quick-setting asphalt cement to bond roof shingles.
- Have metal hurricane straps or clips installed where the roof framing meets the top of stud walls.
- Use adequate fasteners to install impact-resistant shutters.
- Install impact-resistant doors and windows.
- Be sure your entry doors have at least 3 hinges and a dead bolt with a 1-inch bolt length.
- If you have double entry doors, install head and foot bolts to the inactive door.
- Find out if your garage door supplier has a retrofit kit available.

Storm Surge

This is the water pushed towards land by the force of the hurricane. If you live in a coastal area, take the following steps:

- Know your evacuation route.
- Have an evacuation location outside of the evacuation zone.
- Be prepared to evacuate as quickly as possible.
- Before evacuating board up doors/windows, secure any loose objects, and turn off utilities.

Hurricane Statistics

- Hurricane Katrina was the most costly hurricane in US history at \$41.1 billion in estimated insured losses (Insurance Information Institute).



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