

HURRICANE INFORMATION **FOR THE** **GENERAL PUBLIC**

- **36 HOURS BEFORE:**
 - Turn on your TV or radio in order to get the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
 - Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit. Include a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
 - Plan how to communicate with family members if you lose power. For example, you can call, text, email or use social media. Remember that during disasters, sending text messages is usually reliable and faster than making phone calls because phone lines are often overloaded.
 - Review your evacuation plan with your family. You may have to leave quickly so plan ahead.
 - Keep your car in good working condition, and keep the gas tank full; stock your vehicle with emergency supplies and a change of clothes
- **18-36 HOURS BEFORE:**
 - Bookmark your city or county website for quick access to storm updates and emergency instructions.
 - Bring loose, lightweight objects inside that could become projectiles in high winds (e.g., patio furniture, garbage cans); anchor objects that would be unsafe to bring inside (e.g., propane tanks); and trim or remove trees close enough to fall on the building.
 - Cover all of your home's windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8" exterior grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install.
- **6-18 HOURS BEFORE:**
 - Turn on your TV/radio, or check your city/county website every 30 minutes in order to get the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
 - Charge your cell phone now so you will have a full battery in case you lose power.
- **6 HOURS BEFORE:**
 - If you're not in an area that is recommended for evacuation, plan to stay at home or where you are and let friends and family know where you are.
 - Close storm shutters, and stay away from windows. Flying glass from broken windows could injure you.
 - Turn your refrigerator or freezer to the coldest setting and open only when necessary. If you lose power, food will last longer. Keep a thermometer in the refrigerator to be able to check the food temperature when the power is restored.
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