



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

WHAT DO I DO DURING A HURRICANE?

When a hurricane strikes your local area, the key to helping minimize the chaos is to have a series of steps to follow. According to FEMA and Ready.gov, you should do the following:



STAY INFORMED



Listen for emergency information and alerts.

If told to evacuate by local officials, do so immediately.

DEALING WITH THE WEATHER



Take refuge in a designated storm shelter, or an interior room for high winds.

If trapped in a building by flooding, go to the highest level of the building. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water.



Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.

PERSONAL SAFETY



If you must go to a community shelter remember to follow the latest guidelines for protecting yourself and family from COVID-19.

Be prepared to take cleaning items with you to disinfect surfaces you may need to touch regularly.



Maintain at least 6 feet between you and persons not part of your immediate family while at the shelter.

Anyone over 2 years old should use a cloth face covering while at these facilities.

WHEN TO EVACUATE



If you are directed by local authorities to do so. Be sure to follow their instructions.

If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure; such shelters are particularly hazardous during a hurricane no matter how well fastened to the ground

If you live in a high-rise building; hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations

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