

Hurricane Preparation & Advice

The best time to prepare is before hurricane season begins. As a renter, taking certain precautions can ensure the safety of everyone staying at the property and your belongings. Consider the following when preparing for and experiencing severe weather.

Before The Storm

- ▶ Prepare a to-go bag that is easily accessible. Include at least 72 hours' worth of the following for your entire household.
 - Medication, water, nonperishable foods, and pet supplies.
- ▶ Create an emergency plan with everyone living in the home - meeting spots, alternate routes, pet responsibilities, etc.
- ▶ Fill the car's gasoline tank in case evacuation becomes necessary.
- ▶ Ensure cell phones are fully charged.
- ▶ Bring inside any furniture, yard ornaments, or play equipment that could act as a dangerous projectile.
- ▶ Consider purchasing a renters insurance policy. Your personal property is not covered by any insurance the owner carries on the property.

During The Storm

- ▶ If local authorities advise a "shelter in place," get inside as quickly as possible.
 - Close and lock all windows and doors. Shut all storm shutters.
 - In case of high winds, go to a small, windowless room on the lowest level.
 - If flood waters rise to dangerous levels, go to the highest level of the building and call 911. Do not climb into a closed attic, as you may become trapped.
 - Continue to listen for updated emergency information and instruction.
- ▶ If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Do not drive around barricades. Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.
- ▶ If in a mobile or manufactured home, get out and go to the nearest shelter. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.
- ▶ If you have evacuated the area, stay put. Do not go back to the affected area until local authorities advise it is safe to return.
- ▶ Stay informed by listening to or watching local broadcasts or using the FEMA Mobile App.