



## Hurricane Season is here. BE PREPARED!

### Before a Hurricane

- To begin preparing, you should [build an emergency kit](#) and make a family communications plan.
- Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Plan to bring in pets, all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans, and anything else that is not tied down.
- Fuel your vehicles and generators.

### During a Hurricane

- **Listen** to the radio, TV, or refer to trusted internet sites for information.
- **Stay** inside. Don't go outside unless absolutely necessary. If the eye passes over, don't get caught in the calm of the storm.
- **Avoid** windows and stay in the interior areas of your home.
- **Ensure** a [supply of water](#) for drinking as well as for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other larger containers with water.
- **Know** that fire and emergency medical services [may not respond](#) until sustained winds are **below 55 mph**.

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