

What to do for a

HURRICANE

BEFORE

- Locate your survival kit & food storage
- Install your emergency generator
- Identify levees and dams in your area and possible evacuation routes
- Install straps to fasten your roof to the frame
- Learn community evacuation routes and higher ground areas
- Cover your home's windows with plywood or permanent shutters
- Ensure that you remove dead branches and shrubs around your home
- Clear rain gutters and drain spouts
- Reinforce your garage door
- Bring in patio furniture, decorations, etc.
- Locate emergency radio or communication device

DURING

- Stay indoors. If you live in a high-rise, winds get faster at higher elevations
- Listen to the radio or TV for emergency information
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so
- Turn off propane tanks
- Turn refrigerator to coldest setting and keep its door closed
- Avoid using phones, except for serious emergencies
- Close all interior doors - secure and brace external doors
- Keep curtains and blinds closed even during a lull in the storm
- Take refuge in a small interior room
- Avoid elevators

AFTER

- Never use a generator indoors or in small spaces
- Continue to monitor the radio and TV for alerts
- Drive only if necessary and avoid bridges and flooded roads
- Stay away from dangling power lines
- Stay out of homes that smell of gas or where floodwater remains
- Be careful as you inspect your home for damage. Many foreign objects may be around your home after the storm

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