Guide to Hurricane Preparedness

BBB recommends taking the following precautions to protect your home and other property should a hurricane strike:

- Keep all gutters and downspouts clear of debris.
- Know where your home’s water, gas and electric cutoffs are located to turn them off easily when needed.
- Create and maintain an inventory of your personal belongings.
- Obtain adequate insurance from a trustworthy agent/agency. Keep all of your insurance policies organized and available.

Create an Emergency Kit

Your emergency kit should include the following:

- Enough food and pet food to last at least three (3) days
- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three (3) days
- First aid kit
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities if necessary
- Cell phone with battery-operated charger, extra batteries
- Portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries

Create an evacuation plan and make sure your family knows the location of emergency shelters.

Secure the garage. Garage doors often are blown in or sucked out during hurricanes.

In case of severe weather:

- Pay attention to evacuation notices as well as flash flood alerts in your area.
- Stay indoors with all windows closed.
- In case of high winds, go to an interior room on the lowest floor.
- Wrap yourself in blankets to protect you from flying debris. Crate your pets.
- Do not try to walk through flowing water that is more than ankle deep.
- Do not drive through flooded areas.

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