



# Safety Alert

## Hurricane Safety Checklist

Hurricanes are strong storms that cause life and property threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes. Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane. For more information go to:

<http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/hurricanes.html>

## What should I do?

### Before

1. Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed, e.g., water, nonperishable food, flashlights & extra batteries
2. Secure all items outside your home
3. Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
4. Fill your car's gas tank.
5. Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.
6. Listening to the radio or the local news for the latest updates.

### After

1. Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
2. Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
3. Continue listening to a the radio or the local news for the latest updates.
4. Use the telephone only for emergency calls.