

Weathering A Hurricane

▶ *Tips for Before, During and After the Storm*

BEFORE

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Make a home inventory.

Claims are processed **50-100% faster** when customers have a home inventory.



• Sign up for and pay attention to weather alerts.



• Stock emergency supplies, including a battery-powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, medicines, first aid handbook and kit, a week's worth of non-perishable food and water.



• Charge your cell phone and fill your car with gas.

• Program all emergency phone numbers, including your independent agent's, in your mobile device.

• Repair loose boards, shingles, shutters, down spouts— which could become greater problems in high winds or torrential rain.



• Turn your refrigerator to the coldest setting so food will last longer if the power goes out.



• Make plans for your pets. Research pet-friendly hotels and shelters in case you need to evacuate.



• Talk to your independent agent or insurance advisor to be sure you have the right insurance protection.

DURING



• Check on family members and friends.

• Keep windows and doors closed at all times and, if possible, boarded up with wooden or metal shutters.

• Stay away from windows. Stay in the center of the room, or in an inside room.

• If flooding begins, turn off electricity.

• If advised to evacuate, go as soon as possible.



AFTER



• Check to be sure all family members are safe.

• Notify your insurance agent as soon as possible of any damage.



• Create a list of damaged property. If possible, take photographs and/or video. Do not dispose of damaged items without prior approval from your insurance claims adjuster.

• Keep an accurate record of any temporary repairs or expenses. They may be considered in your claim.



• If there was an evacuation, wait for official notice that it is safe to re-enter your home.

