

# Preparing for a Hurricane

## ✓ Get a Kit

Prepare your home for the storm:

- Secure plywood or shutters to the exterior of windows using heavy-duty screws or hurricane clips.
- Use sandbags to keep rain from entering low-lying areas.

Have enough supplies to last you and your family 5-7 days. This should include:

- Non-perishable foods and water (3 gallons/day/person)
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- First-Aid Kit, eyeglasses, prescription medications.
- Plastic sheeting for water leaks

## ✓ Make a Plan

- Have your evacuation plan mapped out before you leave. This includes a predetermined destination, route and alternate route.
- Call and tell a family member or friend where you are going.
- Write down important family member's phone numbers in case your mobile phone runs out of batteries.
- Make sure to take your insurance and other important documents with you.
- Make extra time if you have children or individuals with functional needs with you.

## ✓ Stay Informed

Watch television or listen to the radio to stay informed about changing conditions. You can get the most up-to-date weather information using a NOAA Weather Radio.

When a Hurricane **Watch** is issued:

- Monitor local Television and Radio Stations
- Check supplies, especially water
- Fuel vehicles and generators
- Cover windows with plywood
- Bring in ALL outdoor furniture, toys and tools

When a Hurricane **Warning** is issued:

- Monitor local TV
- Evacuate if ordered to by officials
- Check tiedowns in mobile homes and leave immediately
- Secure buildings for storm impact
- Turn off utilities if requested
- Stay away from windows, doors and openings

