



BEFORE THE STORM

- ◆ Review your Family Plan or create one.
- ◆ Clear loose and/or clogged rain gutters and downspouts. Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed of dead wood.
- ◆ Learn evacuation routes and locations of shelters.
- ◆ Inventory and stock Must-Have Supplies.

WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED

- ◆ Check often for official bulletins on 13NEWS, WVEC.COM, local radio stations and NOAA radio.
- ◆ Activate your Family Plan. Protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time (i.e. securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.)
- ◆ Fill gas in car. Never let the tank get below half full.
- ◆ Check mobile home tie downs.
- ◆ Moor small craft or move to safe shelter.
- ◆ Secure lawn furniture and other loose material outdoors (or bring inside.)
- ◆ Board or shutter windows to prevent shattering.
- ◆ Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent lifting from their tracks.

WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

- ◆ Stay tuned to official bulletins on 13NEWS, WVEC.COM, radio or NOAA radio. Use your family plan.
- ◆ Determine the safest place to be.

IF EVACUATING

- ◆ Check with your city or county Office of Emergency Management, watch 13NEWS or log on to WVEC.COM to see if you need to evacuate. If you do, decide if your family can stay with friends or relatives outside evacuation zones who live in a hurricane-safe house.
- ◆ Leave early, in daylight if possible to avoid traffic and darkness. Shut off water and electricity at main stations. Lock up house.
- ◆ Drive carefully to the nearest designated shelter using recommended evacuation routes.

IF NOT EVACUATING

- ◆ Know your safe room.
- ◆ Move valuables to upper floors if possible.
- ◆ Bring in pets.
- ◆ Fill containers and/or bathtub with drinking water.
- ◆ Turn up refrigerator to maximum cold and don't open unless necessary.
- ◆ Use phone only for emergencies.
- ◆ Stay indoors on the downwind side of house away from windows.



DURING THE STORM

- ◆ Go to your safe location and stay there even if you hear breaking glass.
- ◆ Stay indoors until the storm has passed. Some people assume the storm has passed, but it is possible it is the eye of the storm instead.
- ◆ If possible, stay tuned to 13NEWS or log on to WVEC.COM for continuing weather coverage and updates.
- ◆ Turn off circuit breakers before the power goes out. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power has resumed.
- ◆ Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps during a storm.
- ◆ Do not expose yourself to the hurricane's winds.
- ◆ Place animals in carriers for their protection.
- ◆ If your house starts to break apart, cover yourself with a mattress. If your safe room is in a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- ◆ Use the phone for urgent calls only. Don't use the phone if you hear thunder because lightning may be nearby.
- ◆ If you're in a very tall building, avoid the top floors as wind speeds are stronger the higher you go. Go to a safe room. Use extreme caution.



AFTER THE STORM

- ◆ Inspect your home for damage. Take photos of damaged areas and possessions. If your house is heavily damaged, get out until it is inspected by officials.
- ◆ Call your out-of-town emergency contact and communicate that you're all right.
- ◆ Find the fire extinguisher before turning on the power.
- ◆ Stay away from all downed power lines and standing water. Report downed or sparking power lines, broken and damaged gas or water mains. Do not pile debris near power lines.
- ◆ Avoid driving because of debris and road blockage.
- ◆ Do not drink tap water until officials announce it is safe.
- ◆ If filing a claim, contact your insurance agent as soon as possible with an address and phone number to reach you.
- ◆ Consult the safety manual that came with your chainsaw. Wear protective gear. Carry the saw with the engine off. Cut fallen tree limbs into pieces 4' or less.
- ◆ Place garbage in clear, heavy-duty tied bags and limit weight to 50 lbs.