

If staying home...

- Store water. Fill sterilized jugs and bottles with water for a 2-week supply of drinking water. Fill bathtub and large containers with water for sanitary purposes.
- Store food that is ready to eat or requires no water or cooking for preparation. You could be without drinkable water and electrical power for 30 days or more.
- Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and open only when necessary.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Turn off propane.... Unplug small appliances.
- Stay inside a well constructed building. In structures, such as a home, examine the building and plan in advance what you will do if winds become strong. Strong winds can produce deadly missiles and structural failure.
- If winds become strong, it is no longer advisable to keep a window slightly open in order to prevent certain types of wind damage. Keep all windows closed.
- Stay away from windows and doors even if they're covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway. Take a battery-powered radio, a NOAA weather radio and a flashlight with you to your place of refuge.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors, particularly double inward opening doors and garage doors.
- If you are in a two-story house, go to an interior first-floor room or basement, such as a bathroom, closet, or under the stairs.
- If you are in a multiple-story building and away from the water, go to the first or second floors and take refuge in the halls or other interior rooms away from windows. Interior stairwells and the areas around elevator shafts are generally the strongest part of a building.
- Lie on the floor under tables or other sturdy objects.