



## **Hurricane Preparedness Instructions and Checklist**

### **Important Information:**

- Local news and weather station(s) TV & Radio: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nearest hurricane shelter: \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Police and Fire Dept: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location of electric panel to shut off main breaker: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location of water shutoff valve in case of evacuation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Renters Insurance Company telephone # \_\_\_\_\_
- Landlord Telephone # to call landlord in case of evacuation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Important Supplies:**

- flash lights,
- batteries,
- battery powered radio,
- drinking water,
- propane camping stove, fuel
- pre-packaged nonperishable food. (Enough for 3 to 7 days),
- non-electric can opener, cooking tools.
- water – at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- fully charged cell phone
- Tool set
- First Aid Kit / Prescription medications / refills /
- Pet food, if you have a pet

### **If a hurricane is likely in your area, you should:**

- Listen to the radio or TV for information.
- Fill your car with gasoline.
- Get cash. Following a hurricane, banks and ATMs may be closed.
- Close all windows and storm shutters.
- Secure all lawn furniture and any other outside items that could become projectiles.
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- Turn off propane tanks. Avoid using the phone, except for serious emergencies.
- Moor your boat if time permits.
- Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.

## **You should evacuate under the following conditions:**

- If you are directed by local authorities to do so. Be sure to follow their instructions.
- If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure—such shelters are particularly hazardous during hurricanes no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- If you live in a high-rise building—hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.
- If you live on the coast, on a floodplain, near a river, or on an inland waterway.
- If you feel you are in danger.

## **If you are unable to evacuate, go to your safe room. If you do not have one, follow these guidelines:**

- Stay indoors during the hurricane and away from windows and glass doors.
- Close all interior doors—secure and brace external doors.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed.
- Do not be fooled if there is a lull; it could be the eye of the storm - winds will pick up again.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level.
- Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

## **If you must evacuate, follow these guidelines:**

- Stay updated on storm advisories
- Map out your evacuation route. Do not get on the road without knowing where you are going.
- Evacuate early if told you must evacuate.
- Don't forget to bring your important documents (deed to your home, lease, etc), in waterproof container and in plastic bags.
- Don't forget to bring your house keys.
- Have a plan for your pet. Contact your local humane society for advice keeping your pet safe. Remember, shelters usually do not accommodate pets.
- Notify friends and family of your plan.
- If you have special needs, you should register with a local emergency management office.