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### Hurricane Season is Here. Are you prepared? Hurricane Watches and Warnings

Each year, from June 1 through Nov. 30, an average of six hurricanes form in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea combined. Hurricanes are one of nature's most powerful forces that turn warm ocean water into powerful winds capable of mass destruction. Heavy rain also accompanies hurricanes and is not only a threat to coastal areas, but to areas hundreds of miles inland as well. In some cases, flooding occurs days after the storm actually goes ashore. Hurricanes also bring winds in excess of 74 mph, storm surge and tornadoes. It's critical to be aware of the dangers associated with hurricanes and their somewhat weaker counterparts, tropical storms, and to learn how you can reduce the loss of life and property if you're prone to these powerful forces. The links below and in the navigation above take you to more detailed information.

#### **DURING A HURRICANE WATCH**

• Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress

reports.

- Check emergency supplies.
- Fuel car.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils.
- Review evacuation plan.
- Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place. Use rope or chain to secure boat to trailer. Use tiedowns to anchor trailer to the ground or house.

#### **DURING A HURRICANE WARNING**

• Listen constantly to a batteryoperated radio or television for *Continued on page 2* 

#### **Hurricane** (cont. from page 1)

official instructions.

- If in a mobile home, check tiedowns and evacuate immediately.
- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.
- Avoid elevators.

#### If at home:

- Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and glass doors.
- Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power "surge" when electricity is restored.

#### If officials indicate evacuation is necessary:

- Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges.
- Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve.
- Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
- If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor.
- Bring pre-assembled emergency supplies and warm protective clothing.
- Take blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.
- Lock up home and leave.



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