

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

WATCH OUT FOR THE **WARNING**

BEFORE THE HURRICANE

- ☞ Find out if you are under a watch or a warning. A watch means that a hurricane is possible and a warning means that a hurricane is expected and will hit the area.
- ☞ Find out if you are in an evacuation area and where the nearest shelter is located.
- ☞ Have an emergency kit ready and stock up on important items (e.g., water, non-perishable food).
- ☞ Protect your home. Use plywood to board your windows and doors.

- ☞ Stay informed. Listen for local news reports.
- ☞ Stay indoors until the authorities say it is safe. During the eye of the storm, calmer weather ensues and can provide a false sense of security.
- ☞ Avoid contact with any flood waters, they could be contaminated.
- ☞ If the power goes out, use flashlights rather than candles. Candles can tip over and cause a fire.
- ☞ If you are outdoors, find shelter right away and do not try to swim, walk or drive in floodwaters.

DURING THE HURRICANE

- ☞ Follow the local news for updated information.
- ☞ Do not use water that may be contaminated (e.g., tap water, well water).
- ☞ Do not touch fallen or low-hanging wires of any kind. Do not touch trees or other objects in contact with power lines.
- ☞ Do not operate charcoal grills, propane camping stoves, or generators indoors.
- ☞ Do not drive through floodwaters as it may be deeper than it seems.

AFTER THE HURRICANE



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