

Protect your home from a hurricane

- ❑ Cover sliding glass patio doors and windows with plywood. You can also install impact-resistant shutters over windows.
- ❑ Check the gable end vents on your home. Shutter and seal them to prevent wind-driven rain from entering attic space.
- ❑ Use silicone caulking around outside openings such as electrical outlets and locations where cables or pipes enter the wall.
- ❑ Use duct tape to seal clothes dryer and kitchen vents, but remember to remove it after the storm passes.
- ❑ If your basement is prone to flooding and you have a sump pump installed, make sure it is working properly.
- ❑ Move valuables in your basement to avoid water damage.
- ❑ Everyday items in your yard, such as outdoor furniture, trash cans, gas grills, children's play equipment, toys, etc., can become flying debris. Secure those items.
- ❑ Check trees for weak branches, which can fall and cause considerable damage to houses and vehicles.
- ❑ Review your home insurance policy periodically to ensure that you have the coverage you need. Report any damage to your insurance company as soon as possible. Without compromising your safety, make temporary repairs to prevent further damage.

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