

SURVIVAL IN A HURRICANE

Enter the June-November season prepared: Window coverings, tools, batteries, nonperishable foods, prescription medications, water proof document case, and other emergency equipment.

WHEN YOUR AREA RECEIVES A HURRICANE WARNING:

- Leave low-lying areas.
- Moor your boat securely or remove it from water.
- Protect your windows with boards, shutters, or tape.
- Secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- Fuel your car.
- Save several days' water supply.
- Stay at home if it is sturdy and on high ground.
- Leave mobile homes for more substantial shelter.
- Stay indoors during a hurricane.

HURRICANE WATCH: Hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to your area.

In especially vulnerable areas, early evacuation may be necessary when a Watch is issued. Otherwise you should review hurricane safety procedures and make preparations. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and commercial radio and television for the latest information and instructions for your location.

HURRICANE WARNING: Hurricane conditions are expected I your area within 24 hours.

Areas subject to storm surge or tides should be evacuated as well as areas which could be isolated by flood waters. Follow the instructions of local officials. You will not be asked to leave your home unless your life is threatened.

REMEMBER: Latest storm-related information will be available on NOAA Weather Radio and commercial radio and television. Do not tie up telephone lines by calling local officials or the National Weather Service. Listen carefully to broadcasters serving your immediate area.

A hurricane causes sea level to rise above normal tidal heights, with giant wind-driven wave and string, unpredictable currents. These are the storm's worst killer.

- Know your property's elevation above mean sea level.
- Have a safe evacuation route planned.
- Learn the storm surge history for your area.

Tornadoes spawned by hurricanes are extremely dangerous. When a hurricane approaches, listen for tornado watches and warnings, and be ready to take immediate shelter.