

# HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

## DO's:

- Stay updated with the local weather alerts.
- Have your kits ready and gather any additional supplies you need (including the ones listed above).
- Keep your important documents folder on hand.
- Have a family reunification and communication plan.
- Secure your home and valuables.
- Board up your windows or use storm shutters.
- Fasten your roof and foundation with hurricane straps.
- Strengthen your garage door.
- Charge all your electronic devices.
- Disconnect all electronic equipment and appliances (elevate them to prevent flood damage).
- Shut off the utilities if you're at risk of flooding.
- Fill up your car with gas.
- Have an evacuation route planned (evacuate if you're told to and travel with extreme caution).
- Find evacuation shelters in your area, keeping in mind any special needs or pets in the family.
- Let your loved ones know where you're taking shelter.
- Take shelter in an interior "safe" room or hallway that isn't on a ground level with the risk of flooding.

## DON'Ts:

- Do not go outside or to the beach.
- Do not let your pets go outside.
- Do not get near any exterior windows.
- Limit the use of electrical equipment.
- Do not use a generator indoors.
- Do not drink water from the tap.
- Do not leave your place of shelter until local authorities say it's safe to do so.
- If evacuated, do not return home until you're told that it's safe to do so.
- Do not walk, swim, or drive across flooded areas.
- Do not assume that downed power lines are safe.
- Do not attempt to catch or touch displaced wildlife, such as snakes.