

Hurricane season is here. Are you ready?

LEARN HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME.

It's time to prepare your home to weather the storm.

MDOT recommends you make plans, take action and gather the materials needed to secure your property.

EMERGENCY HOME READINESS CHECKLIST

- Be prepared to cover all of your home's windows by installing permanent storm shutters or plan to board up windows with 5/8" exterior grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install.
Note: Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Reduce roof damage by installing straps or additional clips to fasten your roof to the frame structure.
- Trim trees and shrubs so they are more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Reinforce your garage doors with a counterbalancing kit.
- Bring in all outdoor furniture, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- If you have a boat, determine how and where to secure it.

IF A HURRICANE IS COMING

- Shut off utilities and propane tanks.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and leave the doors closed.
- Fill a tub with water.
- Unplug appliances and electronics.
- Listen closely to advice from local and state emergency officials.
- Fuel and service vehicles.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- Stay with friends, relatives or at an inland hotel or as a last resort go to a designated public shelter outside of the flood zone.
- Leave mobile homes in any case.



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