

Hurricanes

A hurricane is a storm with very strong winds and rain. Follow these directions to stay safe.

For help or information, dial 2-1-1 on your phone and say what language you speak. Someone will help you with your questions in your language.

Hurricane Watch means a hurricane may come in the next day or two.

Hurricane Warning means a hurricane is coming in the next day.

Listen to the radio.

- Listen to radio station _____ for information in your language. Keep listening until you hear your language to find out what is happening and what you should do. – OR –
- Have someone who understands English listen to the radio to find out what is happening and what you should do.

Get ready.

- If you have a cell phone, charge it fully.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Buy food and bottled water to last a few days.
- Bring any outdoor things inside, such as bicycles.
- Turn off small appliances such as TVs and microwaves.
- Fill bathtubs, sinks and jugs with clean water. This water can be used for drinking, washing, and cleaning the toilet.

Stay safe during a hurricane.

At home:

- Stay inside. Stay away from windows. Windows could break during the storm.
- Move to the lowest level of your home and away from windows.
- Keep the refrigerator and freezer closed to keep your cold.
- Use the phone only if it is an emergency.
- If your electricity goes out, do not use outside cooking grills inside. They can give off gases that can harm or kill you.
- Do not think the storm is over if it gets quiet outside. The storm could start again very quickly.
- If your home has flooded, move out of your home to higher ground.

In a car:

- Do not drive during a hurricane. Driving is unsafe because of heavy winds, rain and flooding.
- If you have to drive, only use safe roads.
- Do not drive around barriers.
- Do not use roads that are marked as closed.
- Do not drive through flood water. Even water that is not deep can float a car.
- If your car stops in water, get out of the car and move to higher ground.
- Do not drive at night when it is hard to see.

After the storm:

- Listen to the radio to find out what to do.
- Stay where you are until you are told it is safe.

- Stay away from fallen electricity lines.
- Drive only if you have to. The roads may be unsafe.