



# HURRICANE GUIDE

## STEP 1 - PREPARE

- **Secure everything** on your property that can be blown around or torn loose.
- Make an **Emergency Plan**. Before a disaster strikes, set a plan with your family to know how to contact one another and reconnect if separated.
- Make an **Emergency Supply Kit**. Having enough food, water and other supplies is important to have ready in case of an emergency. 72HRS has various **Emergency Kits!** Choose one that best suits your needs.

→ Know the difference between a **hurricane warning** and a **hurricane watch**:

- A **hurricane warning** means a hurricane is already occurring or will occur soon in your area. Evacuate if advised to do so.
- A **hurricane watch** means a hurricane is possible in your area. Stay alert for more information.

→ **Trim dead branches** and cut down dead trees to reduce the danger of these falling onto your house.



## STEP 2 - DURING

- Radio and television stations will broadcast weather statements. Pay attention to that information. Keep a **NOAA radio** in your emergency kit
- **Evacuate** if advised by authorities or community leaders. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

→ **Avoid** walking and driving through flooded areas.



→ If the eye of the hurricane passes over, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from two or three minutes to half an hour. Stay in a safe place on the main floor but not in the basement during this time. Remember once the eye has passed over, the winds will return from the opposite direction.



## STEP 3 - AFTER

→ Follow directions from **local authorities** and **first responder personnel**.



→ Stay alert for **extended rainfall** and subsequent **flooding** even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.

→ **Stay away from damaged areas** and fallen power lines. Watch out for debris such as sheet metal, glass or other sharp material.

→ Wear **long pants**, a **long-sleeved shirt** and **sturdy shoes** when cleaning up.

→ Once you are safe, pay attention to local news reports for emergency information. Keeping a **NOAA radio** in your emergency kit is essential for this reason.

→ Be **prepared for secondary disasters** such as flooding, landslides and building damage.



## IMPORTANT FACTS



The best time to prepare for any disaster is before it happens.



Find out if you live in an area where hurricanes could happen and sign up for local alerts.



Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance claims.



Identify a safe space on lower floors but not the basement

## RECOMMENDED KITS



**The 72HRS Essentials Kit**  
Available for 1-4 people

**The 72HRS Deluxe Kit**  
Available for 1-4 people