

## Before Storm Season

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## **Hurricane Tips**

- » Know how you will protect your home (e.g. shutters, plywood).
- » Be sure you have all the supplies to prepare your home for a storm.
- » Create emergency plans with your family.
  - Decide where to go in your home during a hurricane
    establish a safe room.
  - If you plan to evacuate, plan one or more travel routes, and one or more destinations away from the storm's path.
  - Determine when you will evacuate.
- » Make plans to relocate if someone in your home is dependent on electric-powered, life-sustaining medical equipment.
  - Have arrangements for backup power if you won't or can't relocate.
- » Put essential phone numbers by the phone.
- » Create a household inventory for each room for insurance claims purposes.

- » Gather important documents you'll want to keep safe and dry during a storm, including:
  - Insurance papers
  - Household inventory
  - Passports
  - Wills
  - Contracts, titles, deeds, leases, tax information for home, car, business
  - Phone numbers
- » Have at least one home phone that is not cordless. A cordless phone won't work when the base doesn't have power.
- » Know how you will:
  - Secure your boat
  - Shelter your pets, because they will not be allowed in most shelters
- » Trim trees that are not near power lines before a storm threatens.
  - Once a hurricane warning is announced, trash pickup is usually suspended.