

BEFORE THE STORM

HURRICANE **WARNING** CHECKLIST



Outside Your Home

- Cover or brace all windows and door openings.
- Remove a door or one screen panel on each side of your pool enclosure to allow wind to flow through, and cutting down wind resistance. This could save your pool enclosure.
- Disconnect propane gas at the tank.
- Bring your barbecue grill and propane tank inside— this may be your only means of cooking during a power outage. (Note: Only use grill outdoors, after the storm has passed.)
- Bring in outdoor furniture, grill, trampoline, and other outdoor items that could become flying projectiles.



Swimming Pools

- Drain swimming pools 6"-12" to allow for possible heavy rainfall – do not drain completely.
- Shock the pool by adding additional chlorine. Stock up on chlorine to keep your pool water clean. In the event of a prolonged power outage you will not be able to run the filter.
- Disconnect power to your pool pump but do not wrap in plastic. If there is flooding, water will collect in the plastic and ruin the pump.



Refrigeration/Water

- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting.
- Freeze water in plastic jugs to help keep your freezer cold when power goes out.
- Stock up on jugs of bottled water – at least seven gallons per person – **one gallon per person per day**.
- Fill bathtub with water for non-drinking use.



Prepare Your Safe Room

- Prepare your safe room. Stock it with a battery-powered TV and/or radio with spare batteries, sleeping bags, pillows, chairs, snacks and drinking water, and games for children.
- Have a mattress nearby to get under in case your home suffers structural damage.
- Place valuables and personal papers in waterproof containers or zip lock bags.



Mobile/Manufactured Home Residents

- Turn off main water supply source to your home.
- Turn off gas at the tank but do not disconnect.
- Bring in or secure all outdoor objects.
- **Evacuate.** Do not attempt to ride out the storm in a manufactured home.



High-Rise/Condo Residents

- Bring in loose objects from balconies.
- Install shutters on windows and doors.
- Evacuate if you are in an evacuation zone.
- Leave early since you have the farthest to travel from the coast.



If you Evacuate to a Shelter

- Only do so as a last resort.
- Try to eat a meal before entering the shelter.
- Take pillows, blankets and other supplies.
- Check to make sure the shelter is open – all shelters do not open at the same time.