

Safety Tips

HURRICANE



Be prepared:

- Secure your home or find a safe place to wait out the storm
- Monitor local weather reports
- Have enough water, food, medications, pet supplies to last 72-hours
- Trim and remove damaged trees and limbs
- Clear and secure rain gutters and downspouts
- Ensure sump pumps are working
- Fill your car's gas tank. If you don't own a car connect with friends or family if you need a drive.
- Secure all loose outdoor objects like garbage cans, BBQs, furniture
- Write down emergency numbers and program into your cell phone
- Charge cell phones and other devices

During a hurricane:

- Stay inside or seek secure shelter
- Do not go to the coastline or leave your community to watch the storm
- Stay away from windows and doors
- If you lose power, turn off appliances and leave one light on
- Use battery-powered lights, glow sticks and avoid candles
- Monitor television, radio, and social media for updates

After a hurricane:

- Stay inside. Listen to local officials for updates and instructions
- Watch out for debris and downed power lines
- Avoid flood waters, which may be contaminated
- Throw out food that may be spoiled due to a power outage
- If your home floods, shut off electricity, be careful of mould and contamination during the cleanup
- Check on friends, neighbours and vulnerable people