

# **Hurricane Preparation**

#### **Contacts for Hazardous Weather Conditions.**

The following web sites may assist you in obtaining crucial information regarding any hazardous weather conditions. Local radio and television stations will also broadcast information.

#### **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

- This site updates every 30 minutes and you can view potential warnings and forecasts through national maps and satellite imaging.
  - o www.fema.gov
  - o View the right side of the home page. Locate Storm Watch and Current Weather.
  - o Click NWS Warnings and Alerts.
  - o Select your area.
- This agency responds to, plans for, and helps with recovery and mitigating against disasters.

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

- This site will give you a detailed 7 day weather forecast for your zip code or city and state. www.noaa.gov/index.html
- View the left side of the home page.
- Locate today's weather.
- Type in the zip code or city, state. Click go.

These government agencies distribute and predict changes in the Earth's environment, and conserve and manage wisely the Nation's coastal and marine resources to ensure sustainable economic opportunities.

### **Hurricane Alert**

### **72 Hours Before Arrival**

The margin of error for the path of a hurricane on a 3-day forecast is 240 miles.

- Plan an evacuation route with your family (you may want to contact your nearest American Red Cross chapter for assistance.)
- Develop an emergency communication plan. Each family member needs a number to call so that contact can be made. Phone and cell lines may not be restored quickly, so you may wish to have family members meet in a pre-arranged alternate site.
- Assess your home and lot. How long will it take for you to protect your area? What will blow away and what will float away? Such as; portable storage buildings, lawn and garden equipment, boats and trailers, etc.
- In case the National Guard or Local Police are called into your area, note the contact, phone numbers and procedures you may have to take to re-enter your neighborhood.
- Periodically check the weather forecast.

### **Hurricane Watch**

#### 24-36 Hours before Arrival

- Listen to battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress reports. Check emergency supplies.
- Take photos of your home and property. Fuel you vehicles.
- Anchor or remove objects that can blow away or float away.
- Prepare a list of emergency telephone numbers and addresses of local government agencies, news media and medical facilities.

## **Hurricane Warning**

### 24 hours or less (winds of 74 miles per hour or greater)

• Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions. Keep away from any windows, skylights or glass doors.

- Turn off all electrical appliances. This will avoid a power "surge" when electricity is restored.
- Avoid flooded roads. An individual can be swept away in moving water only 6 inches deep. A vehicle (3,400 pounds) can be swept away in only 12 inches of water.

### **Fabric Shield / Hurricane Protection**

- Fabric Shield should be installed in the first 30 days upon closing to ensure the owner knows how to install the product and any issues can be corrected
- Fabric Shield should NOT be installed with drills, guns or any power tool. Hardware is designed to be only finger tight.
- Panels are numbered from 1 thru the total number of openings. Panel 1, facing the home, starts at the far right opening (window or door with glass) and preceding panels go counter clockwise. Panel numbers are located on the top of each panel
- Install panel number facing away from home, towards the installer, visible when installed
- Panels do not have to be drawn taut to work, they are simply a shutter designed to
  prevent water damage to home if the window breaks for any reason, and to allow light in
  while deployed.
- To install: remove plastic covers/pins from wall mounted hardware, place top of panel grommets over the protruding metal studs, secure with wing nuts, (finger tight only), attach bolts down both sides (or bottom) FINGER TIGHT ONLY.

\*\*Please note Fabric Shield may be difficult to install for the first time and can be a time-consuming process. Please follow these instructions, ask someone to help with the first install, be patient and call us if you have issues.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE OWNER TO FOLLOW THIS. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL A STORM IS APPROACHING TO INSTALL PRODUCT FOR THE FIRST TIME