

Preparing Your Home Before the Storm

Doors and Windows

- Reinforce garage doors and tracks or replace with a hurricane rated door.
- Doors may be shuttered but one entry must be left easily accessible.
- Use a security dead bolt at least 1 inch long.
- If possible, install tested, manufactured hurricane shutters or hurricane-rated windows.
- Alternately may use 5/8" or greater exterior grade plywood secured by 2 1/2" screws and/or special clips.
- Taping windows is not recommended! It offers very little protection and may be dangerous.

Mobile Homes

- Check tie-downs for rust or breakage.
- Mobile or manufactured homes are more vulnerable to wind hazards. Residents should consider evacuation, especially when recommended by local officials. Plan where you would go to shelter if needed.

Landscaping

- Trim trees, shrubs and any dead limbs, especially close to home.
- Repair or replace damaged fences.
- Secure any loose items in your yard, on your property ahead of the storm.

Roofing

- Inspect roof for loose or damaged shingles. Consider replacing with shingles that are rated for hurricane force winds. Check and/or install hurricane clips to secure roof trusses to side walls.



Useful links: www.flash.org,
<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes#prepare>