



HURRICANE & HIGH WINDS PREPAREDNESS FOR MOBILE HOMES, RVs AND TEMPORARY TRAILERS



BE SAFE

High winds can hit unexpectedly and destroy mobile or manufactured homes, temporary trailers and RVs even if they are not in a direct storm path. Do not try to ride out a hurricane or severe storm in any of these structures, even if the structure is tied down or seems protected. *Leave early!*

Protect your family's lives and property by taking action when severe storms threaten. Ahead of time:

- Learn now when to evacuate.
- Decide now where you will go and how you will get there.
- Listen to weather forecasts on the radio and TV for weather WATCH and WARNING announcements.

Knowing what to do is the best protection for you and your family.

BEFORE A STORM THREATENS

Be sure your home is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and all applicable state regulations. Make a plan with your family that covers what you and your pets will do and where you will go to stay safe. Gather supplies that you will need to act on your plan. Consider keeping a ten-day supply of food and water in your home and a three-day supply of food and water packed and ready in case you need to evacuate.



MAKE A PLAN

- Learn what types of severe storms may come where you live, work or go to school.
- If you have special medical needs and may need assistance during an emergency, contact your local emergency management office now to learn about programs your community may have to assist you.
- Keep a list of important telephone numbers by the phone. Teach your children how and when to call for help.
- Pick a place to meet outside your neighborhood in case your family is separated when disaster strikes and you cannot return home.
- Ask an out-of-area friend to be the person everyone calls if the family is separated. This friend can help you reconnect with others and let them know that you are ok.
- Make sure everyone, including children, has the address and contact information of the family contact with them at all times.



DOCUMENT YOUR PROPERTY

- Create an inventory of personal property, furnishings, clothing and valuables. Take photos of your home, its structure and contents.
- Keep copies of your important documents in an emergency travel kit so you have it if you need to evacuate.
- Label all personal and medical equipment with your name, address and phone number to help others identify and return any lost items.





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LEARN PROPANE TANK SAFETY

- Conduct monthly maintenance checks on all storage tanks.
- Know where to find the shut-off valve. Know what to do if a spill or leak occurs.
- If you smell escaping gas: open a window or door, go outside and shut off the gas at the propane tank.
- The smell of propane always means there is a leak, not that the tank is low.

WHEN STRONG WINDS ARE EXPECTED

If the forecast predicts strong winds in your area within 48 hours, take immediate action. Choose to move to a sturdy building, a storm cellar, a relative's or friend's basement or evacuate if you have enough time to get clear of the whole area.



STAY INFORMED

- Keep a crank- or battery-operated radio, or NOAA weather radio, handy in case the power goes out.
- Pay close attention to weather reports. Know the difference between a WATCH (when conditions are ripe for severe weather) and a WARNING (when severe weather is occurring or about to happen).
- If a WARNING has been issued, ***leave your manufactured home immediately.*** Quickly go to your pre-planned safe place.

TRAVEL AND OTHER TRAILER HOMES AS TEMPORARY EMERGENCY HOUSING

Do not try to pull the temporary trailer off the site. These structures were designed to give temporary shelter and are not functioning "travel trailers."



WHEN EVACUATING

Leaving early is easier when your emergency plan and supplies are ready to go. The following actions will help protect your property while you are safely away.

SECURE YOUR HOME

- Minimize damage by using "over the top straps" and "frame ties" to anchor your home.
- Cover windows with high-wind shutters or precut plywood.
- Secure outside objects such as garbage cans and lawn furniture, or bring them inside.
- Turn off the main water valve.
- Shut off fuel lines and / or turn off bottled propane at the tanks. **DO NOT** disconnect. (A professional would need to reconnect your gas service).



It is important to stay informed and adapt your plans and supplies to meet your personal needs.

By preparing ahead of time, you and your household can be ready for the unexpected and disaster safe.