

# Evacuation Tips

## Preparing for / Responding to a Hurricane or Storm

If you have been ordered to evacuate, follow these important steps to help protect your family and home both before and after an evacuation:

- Local authorities won't ask you to leave your home unless they have a reason to believe you are in danger.
- Unplug electrical equipment such as radios, televisions and small appliances.
- Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding.
- Only shut off water, gas and electricity if officials tell you to do so.
- Secure your home by closing and locking doors and windows.
- Depending on how fast the evacuation happens, you may have time to pack a small bag of toiletries and clothes. If time permits, also be sure to take enough basic supplies with you to last 72 hours (this includes food, water, and other essentials such as a first-aid kit).
- Take your wallet/purse, personal identification for each family member, and copies of essential family documents (i.e. passports, insurance papers, etc.).
- Take a cell phone and charger.
- Take any essential medications for your family.
- Take your pets with you.
- Check in at the local evacuation center.
- Once you are safe, call or email an out of town contact to let them know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Follow instructions from local authorities. They will not only provide you with recommendations on which evacuation routes to take, but also, they'll be the ones to let you know when it is safe to return home.

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL HUB** for additional risk management resources and advisement for you and your family.

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