

HURRICANE WATCH/ WARNINGS ISSUED CHECKLISTS

Definitions:

HURRICANE WATCH- hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours. Hurricane preparedness should be underway. Be advised that Tropical Storm force winds may already or soon to be present at your location.

HURRICANE WARNING- hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours. Your hurricane preparations should be rushed to completion.

WHEN A WATCH IS ISSUED

- ___ Monitor all news reports and listen to advisories.
- ___ Pull out emergency plan and review the entire plan (include your family in this discussion).
- ___ Begin implementation of your Emergency Plan.
- ___ Implement Shutter and Outdoor Security Plan
- ___ Prepare safe room
- ___ Inspect and review emergency supplies and address any missing items or gaps in the checklist. Double check water for adequate supply.
- ___ Do prepare vehicles by filling with fuel, checking lubricants and tire pressures.
- ___ Make sure all cell phones or battery powered communications devices (walkie-talkies, CB radio, portable marine VHF radios, etc.) are charged and accessible in safe room.
- ___ Make decision regarding evacuation based on probable strike locations, intensity, timing, destination, etc. If decision to evacuate is made, use evacuation checklist and evacuate.

WHEN A WARNING IS ISSUED

- ___ If applicable, prepare any emergency power generator(s) by reviewing and testing operating procedures. Fuel up generator as required, start and test for a period of approximately 10-12 minutes to insure proper running and operation.
- ___ Do complete Shutter and Outdoor Security Checklist if not already completed. If completed, make a thorough "walk-around" inspection to ensure all elements of the checklist are complete and nothing is left to chance.
- ___ Complete safe room preparation or execute your evacuation plan based on advisories and recommended actions.
- ___ Complete any and all other items as dictated by your emergency plan.
- ___ Distribute flashlights and other applicable emergency supplies as appropriate to family members and/or place appropriate supplies into safe room if staying at home.
- ___ Make appropriate phone calls and advisories to contacts and family members keeping them apprised of the progress of your emergency or evacuation plan.
- ___ Do place towels or other absorbent materials along windowsills and bottom of doors leading outside to help manage water leakage. Keep a bucket and mops or sponges handy in the event of minor flooding.
- ___ Turn your refrigerator and freezer units to the coldest possible setting as a way to extend the preservation of your normal household food supply as long as possible after a power outage.
- ___ Continue to monitor developments including storm approach advisories and if staying at home seek safe room refuge when storm begins to bear down.