



GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Keep this checklist of tasks to do before you evacuate

When a hurricane threatens your area, evacuating is the smartest move. Make your evacuation plans in advance. Keep this checklist of important tasks – and review it before you leave.

Put up shutters or plywood on all windows and openings. Winds are stronger at higher elevations, and high-rise apartments or condos.

Move patio furniture, hanging plants and gas grills inside.

If your home is vulnerable to rising water, move valuables and furniture to a higher level. Put valuable documents in air-tight plastic containers that are easy to carry during an evacuation.

Turn off electricity at the main circuit breaker or fuse box to protect appliances from power surges. This will reduce the risk of live dangling wires after the storm.

If the house is supplied with natural or propane gas, check in advance with your gas company on what to do.

Make a final walk-through inspection of the home before closing the door and beginning your evacuation.



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