



## GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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### **Plan to take care of your property before you face a storm**

Make plans for taking care of your property BEFORE you face any kind of storm threat.

Track your vulnerability to flooding from hurricanes by checking floodplain maps. As construction increases in your area, floodplains can change.

Check your insurance coverage. Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover flood damage. Learn about the National Flood Insurance Program.

Find out if your home meets current building code requirements for high winds. Structures built to meet or exceed current building code high-wind provisions have a better chance of surviving violent storms.

Protect all windows by installing commercial shutters or preparing 5/8 inch plywood panels.

Garage doors can be the first thing in a home to fail. Reinforce garage doors to withstand high winds.

Before hurricane season, trim dead wood and weak branches from trees. Trim overhanging branches from all trees. Any dead tree near a home is a hazard.



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