

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT STRENGTHENING YOUR HOME



- 1 Keep trees around your home trimmed well before a storm to prevent damage from broken branches. 
- 2 Have the proper materials in advance to board up your windows to protect them from flying debris. 
- 3 Bring loose outdoor items such as patio furniture inside. They can blow around and cause damage to homes. 
- 4 Secure all doors on your property. Remember that the garage door is usually the most vulnerable. 
- 5 Move your car inside a garage or to another secure location. 

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT UPDATING YOUR INSURANCE



- 1 Check your insurance policies well ahead of the storm to see what is covered. 
- 2 Make sure you have flood insurance. Flooding is the leading cause of damage from tropical systems. 
- 3 Visit floodsmart.gov to learn about your flood risk and flood insurance options for your area. 
- 4 Prepare your home and vehicles according to your specific insurance policies to ensure damages are covered. 
- 5 Know where your insurance documents and contact information are located. Take them with you if you evacuate. 

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HAVING AN EVACUATION PLAN



- 1 Find out if you would need to evacuate. Don't travel hundreds of miles, only far enough away from the evacuation area. 
- 2 Plan your evacuation route. Have an alternate route. 
- 3 Leave when ordered to do so. Do not wait. 
- 4 Communicate your plan with someone not in the storm's path. 
- 5 Plan for your pets. Most local shelters do not permit them. 

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WHERE TO GET HURRICANE INFO



- 1 Television - Tune in to your trusted local news source. 
- 2 Phone - Access mobile.weather.gov on your mobile phone and get Wireless Emergency Alerts. 
- 3 Radio - Receive forecast information and news on your NOAA Weather Radio. 
- 4 Social Media - Stay in touch with friends and family and receive updates from your trusted sources of information. 
- 5 Computer - Access information from weather.gov, ready.gov and flash.org 

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