



## WHAT DO I DO DURING THE HURRICANE?

When a hurricane strikes your local area, the key to helping minimize the chaos is to have a series of steps to follow. According to FEMA and Ready.gov, you should do the following:

- Listen to the **radio** or **TV for information**.
- **Secure your home**, close storm shutters and secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- **Turn off utilities** if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- Turn off **propane tanks**.
- **Avoid using the phone**, except for serious emergencies.
- **Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes**, such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other larger containers with water.

Find out how to **keep food safe** during and after an emergency.

### YOU SHOULD EVACUATE UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- **If you are directed by local authorities to do so**. Be sure to follow their instructions.
- **If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure**; such shelters are particularly hazardous during a hurricane no matter how well fastened to the ground
- **If you live in a high-rise building**; hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations
- If you live on the **coast**, on a **floodplain**, **near a river** or on an **island waterway**