



## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

# WHAT DO I DO DURING A 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:



### STAY INFORMED



**Listen for emergency information and alerts.**

If told to evacuate by local officials, do so immediately.

### DEALING WITH THE WEATHER



**Take refuge in a designated storm shelter, or an interior room for high winds.**

If trapped in a building by flooding, go to the highest level of the building. Do not climb into a closed attic. You may become trapped by rising flood water.



**Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.** Turn Around. Don't Drown! Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

**Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.**

### PERSONAL SAFETY



**If you must go to a community shelter** remember to follow the latest guidelines for protecting yourself and family from COVID-19.

Be prepared to take cleaning items with you to disinfect surfaces you may need to touch regularly.



**Maintain at least 6 feet between you and persons not part of your immediate family** while at the shelter.

**Anyone over 2 years old should use a cloth face covering** while at these facilities.

### WHEN TO EVACUATE



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

ServiceMaster 24 Hour

813-603-2001

[www.sm24hr.com](http://www.sm24hr.com)