



## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

# HOW DO I SECURE MY HOME?

## PLANNING CAN SAVE YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR HOME

Hurricane season can be stressful, and because the 2020 season comes during the COVID-19 pandemic, it may be especially so.

ServiceMaster Restore is ready to help restore your home and restore your peace of mind. As the experts in disaster restoration, ServiceMaster Restore recommends the following:



## GETTING PREPARED



**Give yourself more time than usual to stock up on emergency supplies due to the current pandemic.** Have a week's supply of water (one gallon per person per day), plenty of non-perishable food items and refill necessary prescriptions for all family members, including pets.



**If you need to evacuate, prepare a "go kit".** Include items that can help protect you and others from COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer, or bar or liquid soap if not available, and two cloth face coverings for each person.



**Create your communication plan.** Landline and cellular phone systems are often overwhelmed following a disaster, so you may need to use text messages and social media. Designate an out-of-town contact who can help your household reconnect, and be sure to practice your plan with your family



**If you need to go to a disaster shelter, follow CDC recommendations** for staying safe and healthy in a public disaster shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Fill your vehicle's gas tank** and make sure you have a car charger for your cell phone.

**Review and understand your insurance coverage.** Take photos of your insurance policy statements and save them to the Cloud.

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY



**Bring in loose items outside your home** that can be picked up by strong winds.

**Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters.** If you don't have hurricane shutters, board up windows and doors with 1/2" marine plywood.



**Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.** If you lose power or leave your property, shut off the main switches in the circuit breaker box.



**Take photo/video of the exterior and interior of your home.** Take vital documents (birth certificates, social security cards, bank records, etc.) with you.

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