



## GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

---

### **Main Message: Preparing your home before you evacuate**

#### **Key Talking Points:**

When a hurricane threatens your area, evacuating is the smartest move. Make your evacuation plans in advance. Keep this checklist of important tasks – and review it before you leave.

- To prepare your home, put up shutters or plywood on all windows and openings. Winds are stronger at higher elevations, and high-rise apartments or condos.
- Move patio furniture, hanging plants and gas grills inside.
- If your home is vulnerable to rising water, move valuables and furniture to a higher level. Put valuable documents in air-tight plastic containers that are easy to carry during an evacuation.
- Turn off electricity at the main circuit breaker or fuse box to protect appliances from power surges and reduce the risk of live dangling wires after the storm.
- Make a final walk-through inspection of the home before closing the door.