

Home Preparations Before a Hurricane Strikes!

- ☐ **Secure Outdoor Items:** Bring in patio furniture, trampoline, grills, and yard décor. Anything loose can become dangerous debris in high winds.
- ☐ **Clean Gutters and Overgrown Landscaping:** Clean gutters to ensure adequate water drainage along with cutting back any overgrown landscaping to prevent property damage.
- ☐ **Check and Fuel Your Car:** Fill your gas tanks now! Stations often run out quickly once evacuation orders are in place. Get enough to fuel a generator if you have one.
- ☐ **Service Your Generator:** Test your generator to ensure it runs and produces power.
- ☐ **Charge All Devices:** Phones, laptops, and backup chargers should be at 100%
- ☐ **Install Surge Protectors:** If you plan on leaving things plugged in, surge protectors can help prevent damage to any electronic devices.
- ☐ **Set Freezers and Fridge to Coldest Setting:** If power goes out, your food will last longer.
- ☐ **Get Sandbags and Clear Storm Drains:** Pick up sandbags from your distribution center to prevent water intrusion.
- ☐ **Photograph and Video Your Property:** Take photos and videos of your home, car, and belongings. This helps the insurance claim process.
- ☐ **Backup Important Documents:** Take photos or scan any important physical documents to ensure you do not lose any valuable information.