

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HAVING AN EVACUATION PLAN



**1** Find out if you would need to evacuate. Don't travel hundreds of miles, only far enough away from the evacuation area.



**2** Plan your evacuation route. Have an alternate route.



**3** Leave when ordered to so do. Do not wait.



**4** Communicate your plan with someone not in the storm's path.



**5** Plan for your pets. Most local shelters do not permit them.



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# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT STRENGTHENING YOUR HOME



**1** Keep trees around your home trimmed well before a storm to prevent damage from broken branches



**2** Have the proper materials in advance to board up your windows to protect them from flying debris.



**3** Bring loose outdoor items such as patio furniture inside. They can blow around and cause damage to homes.



**4** Secure all doors on your property. Remember that the garage door is usually the most vulnerable.



**5** Move your car inside a garage or to another secure location.



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# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT UPDATING YOUR INSURANCE



**1** Check your insurance policies well ahead of the storm to see what is covered.



**2** Make sure you have flood insurance. Flooding is the leading cause of damage from tropical systems.



**3** Visit [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) to learn about your flood risk and flood insurance options for your area.



**4** Prepare your home and vehicles according to your specific insurance policies to ensure damages are covered.



**5** Know where your insurance documents and contact information are located. Take them with you if you evacuate.



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# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WHERE TO GET HURRICANE INFO



**1** Television - Tune in to your trusted local news source.



**2** Phone - Access [mobile.weather.gov](http://mobile.weather.gov) on your mobile phone and get Wireless Emergency Alerts.



**3** Radio - Receive forecast information and news on your NOAA Weather Radio.



**4** Social Media - Stay in touch with friends and family and receive updates from your trusted sources of information.



**5** Computer - Access information from [weather.gov](http://weather.gov), [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) and [flash.org](http://flash.org)



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