

# HomeMatters

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## It's Hurricane Season: Are You Prepared?

From June through November, hurricanes are at their peak. During a hurricane, heavy rains and catastrophic winds barrel through coastal areas and can severely damage or destroy homes and businesses. To help you plan and remain safe during these storms, Peoples First Insurance Services, LLC has gathered the following safety tips for you and your family.

### Staying Safe in the Storm

#### *During Hurricane Season*

- Plan evacuation routes and designate a contact person who family members know to call once the storm is over.
- Stock up on items such as bottled water, canned goods, manual can/bottle opener, flashlights, battery-operated radio, nails, tarps and plywood.
- Keep an up-to-date log of all of your possessions with photographs and videos, and review your home insurance policy.
- Trim your trees and shrubs to minimize damage.



#### *When There's a Hurricane Threat*

- Refill your prescriptions, fill up your car with gas and withdraw a week's worth of cash—power outages may interrupt these services temporarily.
- Place important, valuable papers, such as your log of possessions, in waterproof bags.
- Cover windows and doors and secure outdoor furniture.
- If you are told to evacuate, do so immediately.

#### *During a Hurricane*

- Listen to your battery-operated radio for instructions from the local authorities on evacuation and safety guidelines.
- Seek shelter in an interior room away from windows, such as a closet. If you hear the winds subside, do not assume that the storm is over. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worst part may still be coming.
- If the electricity goes out, use a flashlight to see; do not use candles.

#### *After a Hurricane*

- When inspecting your home for damage, wear sturdy shoes and clothing as protection.
- Contact a trained expert to turn off damaged utilities and appliances instead of trying to do it yourself.
- Drink only bottled water until tap water is deemed safe.

Planning is important when it comes to hurricanes, and that includes having the proper home insurance. Contact Peoples First Insurance Services, LLC to learn more about our risk management solutions.

## Safety First

After a hurricane is over, stay inside until you hear that an "all clear" notice has been issued. If you were told to evacuate, do not return home until you have been given permission by the authorities.

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