

HUNKER DOWN AND SHELTERING IN PLACE



SEEKING SAFE SHELTER



Preparations have been completed and conditions are beginning to deteriorate outside. You and your loved ones are now in a chosen safe place to ride out the storm. How else can you stay safe indoors as conditions continue to worsen outside?



REMAINING IN PLACE



- Remain Indoors! Do not venture outside even during lulls in wind.
- Remain away from windows, doors, and exterior walls. Go to an interior space in the lowest level of your shelter.
- If helmets, blankets, and pillows are available, use them to protect yourself and loved ones if needed.
- Remain hunkered down until the wind or tornado threat passes.
- Have multiple ways to receive real time warnings even if power goes out.

WATCHES

Tropical Storm or Hurricane **Watch**

Winds are **possible** within next **48 hours**

Storm Surge **Watch**

Possibility of life-threatening **storm surge** within next **48 hrs**

WARNINGS

Tropical Storm or Hurricane **Warning**

Winds are **expected** within next **36 hours**

Storm Surge **Warning**

Danger of life-threatening **storm surge** within next **36 hrs**

Important to know the difference!

EXTREME WIND WARNING

Issued when the eyewall of a Major Hurricane is making landfall. Respond as if you were sheltering from a tornado.

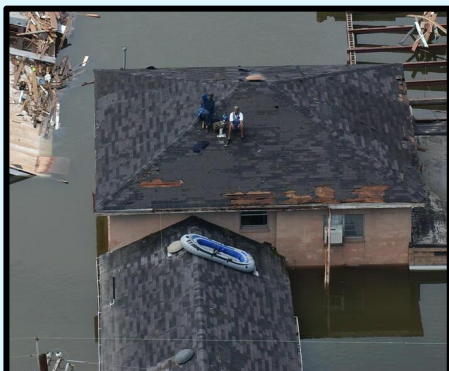


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VERTICAL EVACUATION

- If you remain in a flood prone or storm surge prone location and water begins to enter your shelter, you will need to vertically evacuate.
- This means going higher in your structure upstairs or into the attic. This is a life-threatening situation. In addition to drowning risk, bacteria and other harmful objects can be in flood water.



Shelter Considerations

“Run from the Water, Hide from the Wind”

1) Consider other options first before evacuating to a community shelter:

- Only basic necessities may be provided.
- Bring only medical and personal items that are needed.
- If you have pets, ensure that the shelter is pet friendly.

2) Register if you need Shelter Assistance:

- If you or a loved one relies on medical support or needs assistance evacuating, each county has a special medical needs registry for evacuation & shelter assistance. In Florida, register here for evacuation assistance: snr.flhealthresponse.com

3) Special Needs & Older Adults:

- Wear a medical alert bracelet or pendant to help first responders treat you properly. Make others aware of how to access your home including the location of medical supplies, medication & lifesaving equipment. If deaf/hard of hearing, have devices to help you communicate, extra hearing aid batteries and label your supplies in Braille.

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