

# North Carolina Hurricane Preparedness

## If You Evacuate

- Take your [disaster supplies kit](#)
- Have a place to go — home of a family member or friend, motel or shelter. When possible, evacuating within your county reduces the chance of being stranded in traffic and shortens your time to return home. Before a storm threatens, contact your county emergency management office for local evacuation information. (See phone numbers at far right.)
- Notify family or friends of your plans, when you are leaving and where you are going.
- Fill your car with gas. Taking only the vehicle you will need to get you and your family to safety reduces the amount of traffic on the roads.
- Bring extra cash. Banks may be closed, ATMs may not work.
- Enact your pet plan. State health regulations prohibit pets in public shelters. Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency.
- Bring important family documents in a waterproof container.
- Secure your home.
- Bring toys, books and games for entertainment.
- Bring pillows and blankets. Also bring rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Map out your route. Be familiar with your area's evacuation routes.
- Don't panic, arrive safely at your destination.
- After the threat listen to local officials for the all clear.
- Don't drive on flooded roads.

## If You Stay Home

- Have your [disaster supplies kit](#) handy.
- Enact your [pet plan](#).
- Stock extra supplies. Batteries, water and canned food.
- You need to store at least a three-day supply of water for each person in your household. Stored water should be changed every six months. More information at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).
- Secure your home. Board up windows and secure lawn furniture, mowers, hanging plants, trash cans and other loose items in the yard.
- Fill your car with gas.
- Check on your neighbors, particularly the elderly or disabled.
- Use your NOAA weather radio. Stay alert to weather advisories.
- After the threat listen to local officials for the all clear.