

# City of Fairfax Hurricane Safety Checklist



## **Hurricane Watch**

- Hurricane conditions pose a threat within 48 hours.
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio or local radio/TV weather broadcasts and be prepared to take protective measures should a warning be issued.
- Review your communication and evacuation plans.
- Make sure you have disaster supply kits available.
  - For information on how to build a kit visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/EM/EM.asp](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/EM/EM.asp)
- Secure or bring inside any loose items that could be affected by high winds or flood waters.
- Secure doors and windows.
- Ensure all storm drains are clear and free of debris.
- Verify the location of utility shut-off switches.
- Make sure vehicles are full of fuel and under cover if at all possible.
- Continue to monitor your NOAA Weather Radio or local radio/TV weather broadcasts for updated information.

## **Hurricane Warning**

- Hurricane conditions are expected in the warned area within 36 hours. Complete storm preparations and leave area if directed to do so by authorities.
- Take protective measures immediately and seek shelter.
- Evacuate if instructed to do so.
- If time permits, complete watch checklist actions.
- Board, or shutter windows if instructed to do so.
- Take shelter in a basement or a small windowless interior room, hallway, or closet on the lowest level of a sturdy building is the safest alternative.
- Stay away from windows and doors until the hurricane warning has expired.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding.
- Continue to monitor your NOAA Weather Radio or local radio/TV weather broadcasts for updated information.



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