

## **HURRICANE Safety Tips**

### **When in a Watch (possible hit) Area...**

- Listen to radio or TV for official bulletins of storm's progress
- Fuel and service family vehicles
- Ensure enough non-perishable food and water supplies are on hand.
- Inspect and secure mobile home tie downs.
- Prepare to cover all window and door openings.
- Know that flashlights and radios work; and check batteries.
- Stock up on first aid supplies, special needs for infants, elderly, etc. and prescription medications.
- Prepare to bring inside lawn furniture, garbage cans, tools, etc.
- Have extra cash on hand.
- Make arrangements for pets. Pets are *not* allowed in public shelters and most motels.
- Know evacuation routes and location of shelters.
- Make list of emergency contacts: doctor, pharmacy, family members.

### **When in Warning (probable hit) Area...**

- Closely monitor radio, TV for official bulletins.
- Complete preparation activities.
- Follow instructions. *Leave immediately if told to do so!*
- If evacuating, leave early—in daylight if possible.
- *Always* leave mobile homes because of the high winds.
- Notify neighbors and family members outside the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- Put food and water out for pets if you cannot take them with you.

### ***If staying home...***

- Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and open only when necessary.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Turn off propane tanks
- Unplug small appliances.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and go to center of house.