## Hurricane Safety

Hurricanes, prone to hit the East Coast between June 1 and November 30, produce additional weather risks such as flooding, high winds, and tornadoes. These risks may occur before, during, and even after the event.

## Before a Hurricane



Create an emergency kit with basic supplies and include an emergency plan.



Be prepared to escape quickly. Know evacuation routes and where local emergency shelters are located.



Move animals sooner rather than later. Bring companion animals inside. Move livestock to higher ground.

## <u>During a Hurricane</u>



Stay alert and listen to local news or a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio for official and updated information.



Stay indoors. Beaches, riverbanks, and flood waters may be contaminated or contain dangerous animals or insects.



Keep food and water in locations safe from flood waters.



Have flashlights and extra batteries on hand. Do not use candles. Never use a generator inside a house or garage.

## After a Hurricane



Return home only when authorities say it is safe. Wear protective gear when cleaning storm damage.



Continue to monitor local news or a NOAA radio station for updated information and instructions.



Check food for spoilage to avoid food poisoning, if power is out for an extended period of time.

