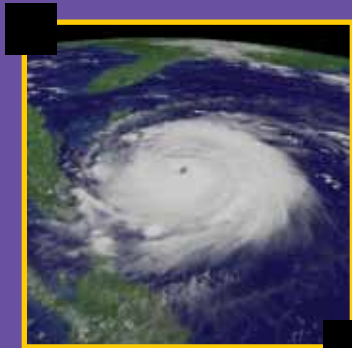


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Hurricanes

Preparing your home for a hurricane can be as simple as the A-B-C's!

Anchor

- Bring anything from the yard that could become wind-borne inside – ask neighbors to do the same.
- Replace gravel/rock-landscaping material with fire treated, shredded bark to eliminate potential for wind-borne debris.
- Trim and anchor down trees and foliage.
- Make sure your home has wall-to-foundation (anchor bolts/re-bar) connections.

Brace

- Bolt all doors with foot and head bolts with a minimum one-inch bolt throw length.
- Reinforce the garage door and tracks.*
- Brace all gable end walls with horizontal and/or diagonal braces.

*Garage doors are critical because wind damage often begins when garage doors fail. It is essential to consult a licensed professional to ensure reinforcement is done properly.

Cover

- Cover all large windows, doors, especially patio doors with securely fastened, tested and approved impact-resistant shutters with proper mounting hardware, or replace them with impact-resistant laminated window and door systems if feasible.
- To reduce potential water intrusion, make sure all doors and windows are properly caulked and/or weather-stripped.
- Install a roof covering that is rated for impact and high winds.

Strap

- Tie down any free-standing fixtures in your yard.
- Fasten rafters/trusses to walls with hurricane straps/clips.

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