

# BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER A HURRICANE



## Before a Storm Hits

- Prune weak branches and trees around your home. Use hearty native plants in your landscaping design. Use mulch instead of pebbles around plantings (pebbles can cause damage in high winds).
- Ensure drains on terraces and balconies are not clogged and allow water to flow freely.
- Replace standard windows with impact resistant window systems.

## When a Hurricane is Coming

- Move personal possessions to the center of your home, away from windows and doors.
- Remove all patio furniture from your yard or terrace, and store it in your garage or house.
- Fill the fuel supply for your back-up electrical generator. Place important documents, such as insurance policies, bank information, credit card information and important contact numbers, in a plastic container.

## After a Hurricane

- If you discover water in your home, contact a restoration company immediately to begin the water extraction process.
- Run the air conditioner to dehumidify your home.
- Remove any wet items and store them in the garage, if possible.
- Call your insurance broker to report any damage.

**Contact us for more tips and information about how to stay safe during extreme weather events and natural disasters.**

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