EMERGENCY HOME READINESS CHECKLIST

- Be prepared to cover all of your home’s windows by installing permanent storm shutters or plan to board up windows with 5/8” exterior grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install. Note: Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Reduce roof damage by installing straps or additional clips to fasten your roof to the frame structure.
- Trim trees and shrubs so they are more wind resistant.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Reinforce your garage doors with a counterbalancing kit.
- Bring in all outdoor furniture, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.
- If you have a boat, determine how and where to secure it.

IF A HURRICANE IS COMING

- Shut off utilities and propane tanks.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and leave the doors closed.
- Fill a tub with water.
- Unplug appliances and electronics.
- Listen closely to advice from local and state emergency officials.
- Fuel and service vehicles.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- Stay with friends, relatives or at an inland hotel or as a last resort go to a designated public shelter outside of the flood zone.
- Leave mobile homes in any case.

MDOT recommends you make plans, take action and gather the materials needed to secure your property.
## Hurricane Emergency Checklist

### Water
- Drinking water (one gallon per person per day for 14 days)
- Water for cooking and hygiene (one gallon per person per day)
- Water for pets

### Food
- Non-perishable packaged or canned food to last 14 days
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned or boxed juice
- Canned or boxed milk
- Powdered coffee or tea
- Bread, crackers and cookies
- Special food for babies and the elderly
- Cereal
- Soup
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Granola bars
- Trail mix

### Household Items
- Cooler for ice and food storage
- Flashlights with extra batteries or hand-crank
- Car charger for cell phones
- Battery operated digital TV with car charger adapter
- Grill with extra propane, charcoal or Sterno
- Waterproof matches
- Paper plates, bowls and cups
- Napkins, paper towels and toilet paper
- Water purification tablets
- Outdoor extension cords
- Plastic eating utensils
- Important family documents
- Diapers
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Blanket
- Towels
- Cleaning supplies
- Work gloves
- Duct tape
- Multi-tool
- Waterproof tarps
- Plastic sheeting
- Rope
- Basic tool kit
- Moist towelettes
- Extra cash
- Maps
- Bicycle helmet
- Emergency generator

### Health Essentials
- Two week supply of prescription drugs
- Two week supply of vitamins
- Over the counter pain reliever
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Plastic garbage bags
- Antibacterial hand soap

### For Your Pets
- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Medications
- Documentation and license
- Crate or pet carrier