

STORM-PROOF YOUR HOME

- Keep your home in tip-top shape to protect it against the damage of heavy winds, snow, ice or rain. Make sure your roof, windows and doors are not in need of major repair.
- Position cribs/beds away from windows or tall furniture that could slide or topple.
- If you live in a hurricane-prone area, purchase sheets of plywood to cover your home's windows and store them in your garage or shed. If you wait until a storm is imminent, your local hardware store may be sold out.
- Bolt bookcases and other tall pieces of furniture to the wall.
- Power generators are often used during power outages. If you own one, make sure it is well maintained and that all family members know how to operate it properly.
- If you live in a mobile home, make sure it is securely anchored down.
- If you own a boat, make sure it is securely moored.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, make sure it is clear of debris and can easily be located by the fire department.
- Remove low branches and dead trees from around your house.
- Clear debris from the chimney, gutters and vents.