

THE GO TO STORM CHECKLIST

Check your gutters and downpipes. Backed up gutters can send water flowing into your home during heavy rains.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- Check your roof for damaged or loose tiles, or raised corners of corrugated sheets. A roof in good repair will be more likely to withstand the pressure inflicted by high winds and keep water out.
- Trim overgrown tree branches and remove or secure loose items around the garden which could become projectiles during high winds. DO NOT attempt to trim trees near powerlines.
- Keep a battery-operated torch and radio handy in case of loss of electricity. Use the radio for power restoration updates and possible evacuation notice.
- Put together a small evacuation package keepsakes and things you would hate to lose, in case you need to evacuate quickly.
- Keep spare batteries, canned non-perishable food, can opener, water, first-aid kit and blankets handy and identify a shelter room in your house if evacuation isn't possible.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AS THE STORM APPROACHES OR DURING THE STORM

- Any outside furniture, bikes, ornaments, toys, pot plants etc. should be either secured or if possible taken inside.
- Secure doors, windows and any awnings you have. Covering windows with plywood can be a good last-minute protection.
- Move cars into garage if you have one.
- If you have a garage door, back your car against the inside of the door to help prevent it twisting in high winds.
- Fill containers with drinking water.
- Stay indoors away from windows. Move furniture and fixtures away from window and door openings.
- If power is lost, turn off and unplug electrical items especially computers. DO NOT use wet or damp electrical appliances.
- Listen to your local radio station, with a battery-operated radio, for storm and power supply updates and any evacuation plans if needed.
- Stay clear of fallen powerlines.

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