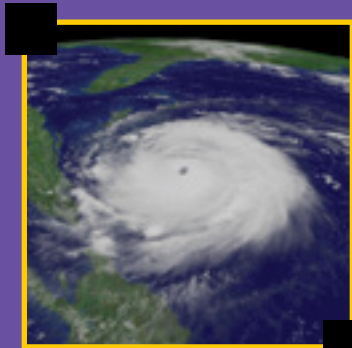


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Hurricanes

Preparing your home for hurricanes can be as straightforward as A-B-C.

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 or other lightweight mulch to eliminate potential for windborne missiles.
- Trim and anchor down trees and foliage.
- Secure an inspection to 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.

*Consult a bonded, licensed and insured professional to ensure all structural work is permitted and 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.
- Make sure all doors and windows are properly caulked and/or weather-stripped to reduce potential water intrusion.
- Install a roof covering that is rated for high wind and impact from hail or debris.

Strap

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

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