



HURRICANE

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Hurricanes are the intense weather systems born in warm tropical waters over the Atlantic Ocean. Known in other parts of the world as cyclones and typhoons, hurricanes have maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or greater and are among the most violent storm systems in the atmosphere.

The hurricane committee of the World Meteorological Organization, which began creating names for hurricanes in 1953, assigns a name only when a tropical depression develops into a tropical storm. Names alternate between male and female and always run in alphabetical order.

Below are the 2002 Atlantic Tropical Storm & Hurricane Names:

Arthur	Lili
Bertha	Marco
Cristobal	Nana
Dolly	Omar
Edouard	Paloma
Fay	Rene
Gustav	Sally
Hanna	Teddy
Isodore	Vicky
Josephine	Wilfred
Kyle	

Terms to know:

Following are many important terms you should know to help you take action and protect yourself in the event of severe weather:

- **Tropical depression** - an organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined circulation and maximum sustained winds of 38 mph (33 knots) or less.
- **Tropical storm** - an organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph (34-63 knots).
- **Tropical storm watch** - issued when tropical storm conditions may threaten a specific coastal area within 36 hours, and when the storm is not predicted to intensify to hurricane strength.
- **Tropical storm warning** - winds in the range of 39 to 73 mph can be expected to affect specific areas of a coastline within the next 24 hours.
- **Hurricane** - a warm-core tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or greater.
- **Eye** - center of a hurricane with light winds and partly cloudy to clear skies. The eye is usually around 20 miles in diameter but can range between 5 and 60 miles.
- **Eye wall** - location within a hurricane where the most damaging winds and intense rainfall are found.
- **Hurricane watch** - a hurricane or hurricane conditions may threaten a specific coastal area within 36 hours.
- **Hurricane warning** - a warning that sustained winds of 74 mph or higher associated with a hurricane are expected in a specified coastal area in 24 hours or less. A hurricane warning can remain in effect when dangerously high water or a combination of dangerously high water and exceptionally high waves continue, even though winds may be less than hurricane force.



American Red Cross

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Create a family disaster plan

Do you have a plan in place to help you and your family deal with a disaster such as a hurricane? Take time out as a family to follow the steps and complete the checklists located throughout this guide to ensure you are all prepared before disaster strikes. With careful planning, you can reduce property damage and safeguard your family. Be sure to remember your pets as well when making your emergency preparations.

- We will leave well before the weather becomes threatening and go to a pre-determined destination if an evacuation order is issued by authorities.*

Our Emergency Evacuation Destination is:

- If we have not been advised by authorities to leave the area, we will gather in a safe room in our home in the event of a hurricane or other severe weather. (An interior room without windows, such as a bathroom, pantry, laundry room or closet, offers the most protection.)*

Our In-House Safe Room is:

- We will choose an out-of-state friend or relative who will be our family contact, and each of us will call this person to convey our location if we should become separated.*

Emergency Family Contact Name:

His/Her Phone Number:

- We will make sure all mature family members know how and when to turn off water and electricity.*
- We will secure important papers in a water proof container and/or send copies to a friend.*
- We will make sure to prepare a list of emergency phone numbers and will include a copy in our disaster supplies kit.*

Planning Notes:

Create a disaster supplies kit



Once disaster strikes, you will not have time to shop or search for supplies. Gather supplies and a list of emergency phone numbers in advance so your family can endure an evacuation or home confinement. Store these items in a large trash can with a lid, plastic storage container or cooler. Containers should be easy to carry in the event of evacuation.

Below is a checklist of the basic disaster supplies your kit should include:

- Emergency Phone Numbers
 - Local American Red Cross _____
 - Local Emergency Management Agency _____
 - Pharmacy _____
 - Humane Society _____
 - Bank _____
 - Hotel _____
 - Weather Service _____
 - Insurance Company/Agent _____
 - Power Company _____
 - Police/Sheriff _____
 - Relative or Friend _____
 - Other _____

Preparation Supplies



- Plastic storage containers
- First aid kit
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Fire extinguisher
- Plastic sheeting or trash bags
- Masking/duct tape
- Utility knife
- Extension cords
- Safety goggles & work gloves
- Sponges & towels
- Insect repellent
- Matches

From Home:

- Medications
- Important papers (insurance, driver's license, ATM cards and credit cards)
- Important phone numbers
- Change of clothes
- Books & toys for kids
- Sleeping bags, blankets and pillows

Other Items Needed:

- Fuel in car
- Battery-operated radio
- Battery-operated alarm clock
- Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Camera & film
- Dry & canned foods with can opener
- Disposable eating utensils
- All baby needs
- Pet food
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Soap & toiletries
- Scissors

Tools



- Hammer
- Nails
- Shovel
- Crowbar
- Rake
- Lumber/plywood
- Chain saw with fuel & extra chain
- Cordless drill
- Ropes

- Hand/pruning saws
- Caulking gun
- Axes
- Bungee cords & tie downs
- Shut-off wrench
- Pliers
- Generators(s)

Recovery Supplies



- Wet/dry vac
- Mops & brooms
- Wheelbarrow
- Ladder
- Pails/buckets
- Grill & gas
- Coolers
- Tarps
- Gas cans
- Cleaning supplies

Your nearest Lowe's has many of the hurricane preparedness supplies you will need. To find the Lowe's store nearest you, please call 1-800-44LOWES or visit Lowes.com.

Preparing your home

Before hurricane season begins, take time to prepare your home and property. It's important to make the following improvements as airborne debris can break windows and doors, providing destructive wind with points of entry into your home during a hurricane:

- ❑ Obtain and store the materials necessary to secure your home such as hurricane shutters, plywood and plastic sheeting.
- ❑ Inspect for loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- ❑ Trim trees and shrubs, removing weak limbs and trees that could fall or blow onto the house during high winds.
- ❑ Tack down loose roofing, shingles and siding.
- ❑ Decide where to store your car and/or boat in the event of threatening weather.
- ❑ Consider purchasing a back-up generator in case power goes out.

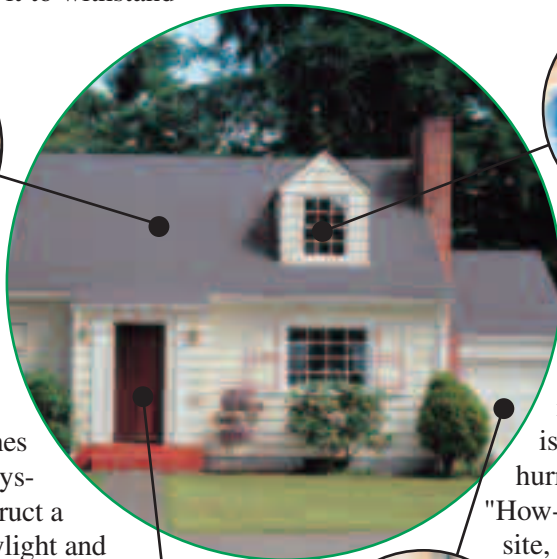
Roof – Consult a professional to attach galvanized metal hurricane straps and truss bracing to your roof, which will enable it to withstand much higher

wind speeds and sustain less damage. Wet/Dry roof cement can also be used to help prevent and repair leaks.

Skylights – Consider replacing old skylights with new ones that have built-in protection systems. As an alternative, construct a wooden frame around the skylight and attach storm panels to the top of the frame.

Exterior Doors -- Total wind pressure on a door centers on the lock and/or latch. Most doors need strengthened latch systems or additional surface-mounted slide bolts to distribute the pres-

sure. If slide bolts are impractical, obtain 2' x 4's to bolt across the inside and outside of the door.



Windows – Covering all exposed windows and glass surfaces with storm shutters or plywood provides enhanced protection. Prepare shutters now, marking and storing them for easy and quick

installation when a watch is issued. Learn how to construct hurricane shutters by checking out "How-To's" located on Lowe's Web site, Lowes.com.



Garage Doors – All garage doors should have steel bracing. If yours does not, obtain wooden 2' x 6' stiffeners. When a watch is issued, space them approximately 18" apart running the full height of the door.



American Red Cross

Safety Tip: A normally active person needs at least two quarts of water each day to drink and two quarts for sanitary uses. The American Red Cross recommends storing a three-day minimum supply per person.

Prepare for severe weather at Lowes.com

You will find more valuable hurricane and severe weather preparedness resources at Lowes.com

Online How-To Library

Learn more about how you can prepare your family and home for when disaster strikes. On Lowes.com, you'll find:

- Hurricane and Severe Storm Preparedness Tips
- American Red Cross Disaster Guide
- Build-Your-Own Hurricane Shutters Project Instructions
- Family Disaster Supply Kit Checklist

Online Shopping Cart

Stock up on severe weather preparedness supplies, tools, post-storm recovery supplies and more by shopping online at Lowes.com.

Store Locator

Locate the Lowe's store nearest you where you can find the supplies you need on your disaster supplies checklist.



Important information about generators

To prepare for a possible power outage, you may consider purchasing a generator before hurricane season begins. Below are answers to some of the most common questions about generators.

Q: Can I run a generator inside my home or vent exhaust out of an enclosed area?

A: NO. A generator has an internal combustion engine and uses gas and oil. The exhaust from the running generator contains lethal carbon monoxide gases, which can be deadly. Generators are designed to be operated outside where there is plenty of ventilation, so they should never be used inside a home or enclosed area.

Q: Can the generator be used during inclement weather?

A: Generators are used in a wide variety of weather conditions, but they should be protected from the elements to prevent shorting and rusting. Protection must be provided in a manner that does not impede the air flow needed for cooling both the engine and generator.

Q: Can I connect a generator to my home?

A: To connect a generator to your home you must use a Power Transfer System. This system is a quick and convenient way to safely use your generator as a back-up power source. All electrical connections must be made by a licensed electrician and meet local and national codes.

Q: What size generator should I buy?

A: Most average homes of 1200 to 3000 square feet can use a 3000, 4000, or 5000 watt generator. The most common items needing emergency power during a blackout are furnace blower motors, refrigerators, freezers, lights, TVs, sump pumps and water pumps. Refer to the chart below for an indication of which size may be right for you.

Q: How do I determine the wattage requirements of a specific tool or appliance?

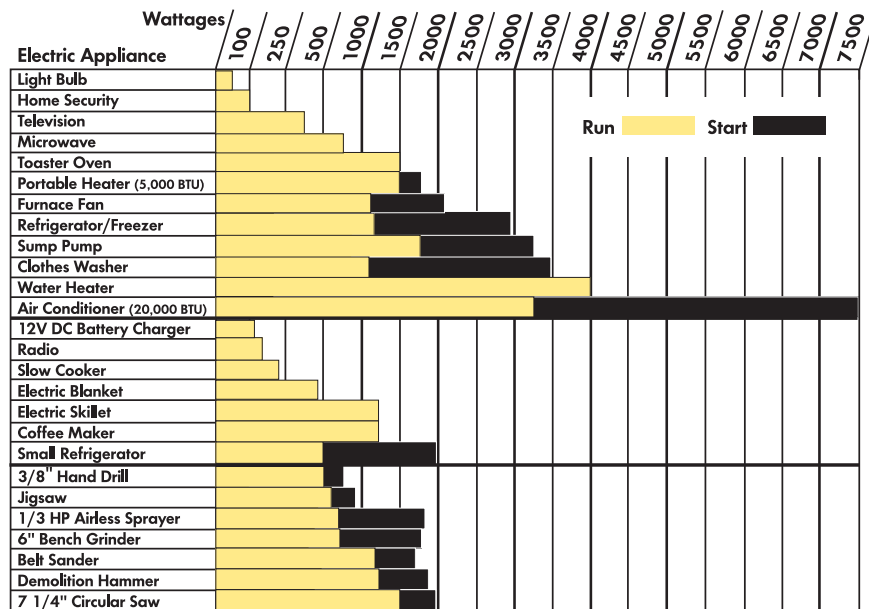
A: Electrical items generally state the related amperage (and sometimes wattage) on the data plate. If amps are shown, simply multiply amps times volts to determine the appropriate wattage. *Example: A circular saw's nameplate shows it requires 9 amps at 120 volts. By multiplying 9 amps by 120 volts you discover this saw requires 1080 watts for normal operation*

Q: What's the difference between rated and maximum watts?

A: The rated wattage of a generator is the amount of power the unit can produce continuously. The maximum wattage is the power the generator can produce for short periods of time to start a motor.

Information provided by Generac Portable Products
(Web site: generac-portables.com)

What size generator should I buy?



Products above are intended for general guideline information. Wattage usage will depend upon the size of the appliance. For your specific needs consult a Lowe's Certified Sales Associate.



Have a safe place to take your pets

Red Cross disaster shelters cannot accept pets because of state health and safety regulations and other considerations. Service animals who assist people with disabilities are the only animals allowed in Red Cross shelters. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to find shelter for your animals in the midst of a disaster, so plan ahead. Do not wait until disaster strikes to do your research.

Know what to do as a disaster approaches

Often, watches or warnings are issued hours, even days, in advance. At the first hint of disaster, act to protect your pets:

- Call ahead to confirm temporary housing arrangements for you and your pets. Check with family or friends who live in a secure area, and ask if your pets would be welcome in their home.
- Bring all pets into the house so you won't have to search for them if you have to leave in a hurry.
- Make sure all dogs and cats are wearing collars and securely fastened, up-to-date identification. If you have time, attach the phone number and address of your temporary shelter or of a friend or relative outside the disaster area to your pet's ID tag.
- Make sure your pets' vaccinations are up to date.
- Keep a current photo of your pets with other important papers.
- Do not leave your pets home during a hurricane. A secure room and a few days supply of food and water does not mean your pet will be safe.

"Rover" the Home Safety Hound is the official mascot for Lowe's Home Safety Council. Kids can visit CodeRedRover.org to learn more about home safety.



Assemble a portable pet disaster supplies kit

To protect your faithful friends, make sure you put together a disaster supplies kit for your pets. It's a good idea to assemble the following items in the event of an emergency:

- Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and/or carriers to transport pets
- Current photos of your pets in case they get lost
- Food, portable water, bowls, cat litter/pan and can opener
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable



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Safety Tip: In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them, too.

Tracking the Hurricane

**HURRICANE INTERCEPT
RESEARCH TEAM**



Based in southeastern North Carolina, the Hurricane Intercept Research Team (HIRT) was founded in 1999 to study tropical storms and hurricanes heading toward land. Because valuable data can be gathered by going directly into a storm or hurricane, HIRT travels to wherever a tropical system is threatening the U.S. coast. Once on the scene, the HIRT Team uses state-of-the-art weather observation gear to record wind speed, rainfall and air pressure data. HIRT also takes hours of video of each event to analyze and educate people about the powerful effects of hurricanes. HIRT video has been featured in many television news productions and programs on the Weather Channel and Discovery Channel.



Mark Sudduth of HIRT.

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Warehouse is proud to sponsor the
Hurricane Intercept Research Team
and HurricaneTrack.com.**



Supplying up-to-the-minute information and images on HurricaneTrack.com, thousands of online visitors rely on HIRT for current reports on severe storms as they move across the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico. Once HIRT is deployed to a threatened area, the Team begins reporting exact GPS data on its location, weather observations and uplinks near-live Web cam images to HurricaneTrack.com. With the use of portable data communications, HIRT also relays significant information directly to the National Hurricane Center.

HurricaneTrack.com ventures into the eye of the hurricane and beyond. While covering the basics and giving in-depth looks into what the public can do to minimize damage in future hurricane events, it also features regular interviews with key people in the "hurricane business." This year, the site will also highlight a discussion with National Hurricane Center director, Max Mayfield.

The site features exclusive hurricane tracking maps and links users to immediate weather conditions in dozens of cities along the coast. Visitors can also view video clips of past hurricanes, 3-D virtual storm surge animations, take a hurricane quiz and get a glimpse into the past by examining hurricane maps and data sets dating back to 1851.

With HurricaneTrack.com, visitors can witness firsthand the mammoth power and force of hurricanes through the near-live footage airing from HIRT's on-site Web cam.

When a hurricane watch is issued in your region, a hurricane or hurricane conditions may threaten your area within 36 hours. It is important for you to be ready to weather the storm if it strikes.

When a hurricane watch is issued:

- ❑ Monitor radio and TV broadcasts for information regarding the storm's progress.
- ❑ Service and fuel-up the family car.
- ❑ Refill prescriptions for your family and pets, ensuring at least a two-week supply.
- ❑ Inspect and secure mobile home tie-downs.
- ❑ Clear yard of lawn furniture, potted plants, bicycles, trash, garden tools and other potential flying debris.
Anchor materials that cannot be brought inside.
- ❑ Prepare to cover windows and glass doors.
- ❑ Brace double-entry and garage doors at the top and bottom.
- ❑ Check food, water supplies and your first aid kit
Replenish as necessary.
- ❑ Get cash, since ATMs and banks may not be operational following the storm.
- ❑ Review your family disaster plan.

Important equipment to have on hand:

A **heavy-duty (12-volt and up) cordless drill** is a fast and effective way to attach boards and plywood panels over windows and doors.

A good, **sturdy hammer** is indispensable for everything from building storm shutters and bracing doors to performing minor repairs.

Important supplies found at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse



Cordless drills by DeWalt, Porter Cable, Makita and Milwaukee. Heavy duty models, 12-volt and up, start at \$139.



Hammers from Stanley, Task Force and Estwing.



Saws by Stanley, Task Force and Shark Saw.



Visit Lowe's Indoor Lumber Yard for boards, plywood and other building needs.

When a hurricane warning is issued:

When a hurricane warning is issued in your region, time is of the essence. A warning means hurricane conditions (74 mph winds or greater, dangerously high water and rough seas) are expected in a specific area within 24 hours. All precautions listed below should be completed immediately.

- ❑ Monitor radio/TV broadcasts for storm advisories and evacuation announcements.
- ❑ Close all windows.
- ❑ Cover windows and doors with hurricane shutters or plywood.
- ❑ Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors, particularly inward opening double doors and garage doors.
- ❑ Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs and bottles.
- ❑ Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings, then open only when necessary and close quickly.
- ❑ Unplug major appliances.
- ❑ If you leave your home, turn off water at the main valve and electricity at the main switch or fuse. Leave natural gas on unless local officials advise you to turn it off.



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Safety Tip: Be prepared to activate your personal evacuation plan if you are told to leave.



If you stay home (only if local officials have not advised evacuation):

- ❑ Stay inside and away from windows, sky lights and doors, even if they are covered.
- ❑ Take your disaster supplies kit, including water, to a safe place without windows in the middle of your home (not in a basement, which could flood).
- ❑ Listen to a battery-powered radio for storm updates.
- ❑ Have flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames or candles as a source of light.
- ❑ If power is lost, turn off all major appliances to reduce damage when power is restored.

If an evacuation order is issued:

- ❑ Inform a friend or family member (outside of the warning area) of your evacuation plans and destination.
- ❑ Take warm protective clothing, sleeping bags, blankets and your disaster supplies kit with you.
- ❑ Lock your home and leave immediately. Avoid flooded roads, and be alert for washed-out bridges.

Disaster Recovery: After a Hurricane

After a hurricane strikes, stay where you are until you receive official confirmation from authorities the storm is over and it is safe. Be prepared to be self-reliant, since there is a strong likelihood you will be without power and water, and many businesses and services will not be operational. Monitor local radio and TV broadcasts for information regarding emergency medical aid, food and other types of assistance.

After the storm passes, make sure you remember to:

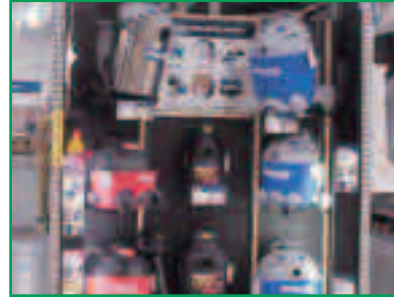
- Check for fires and other household hazards.
- If you did not turn off the main gas valve, sniff for gas leaks. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, get everyone outside quickly, turn off the main gas valve and open windows.
- Shut off any other damaged utilities.
- Clean up spilled medicines, bleach, gasoline and other flammable liquids immediately.
- Check on your neighbors, especially the elderly or disabled.
- Take photographs of all damage before completing repairs, and keep your receipts for insurance claims.
- Make temporary repairs to correct safety hazards.



The extent of damage to a home may be misleading. Ask emergency personnel for assistance or clearance before reentering.



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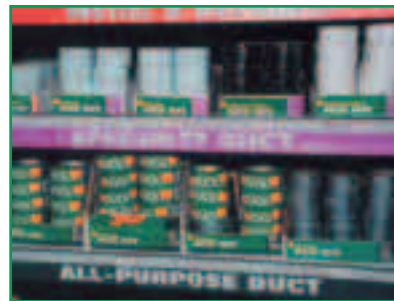
Lowe's stocks 6-22 gallon Shop-Vacs ranging in price from \$40 to \$200.



Gas chain saws by Poulan and Poulan Pro range in price from \$130 to \$270.



Tarps, plastic sheeting and duct tape are useful before and after severe weather.



American Red Cross

Safety Tip: Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them to the proper utility companies. More storm-related injuries occur after a hurricane than during the storm.

The dangers of inland flooding



As hurricanes approach the coast, storm surge is the most feared element because of its potential for destruction and devastation. Although storm surge has resulted in large losses of life in the past, current forecast skills and timely evacuations have made great strides in preventing casualties caused by storm surge. In recent years, a new killer has emerged: the inland, freshwater flooding caused by tropical storms and hurricanes.

Since the early 1970s, the number of people drowning as a result of inland freshwater flooding, sometimes far inland from the coast, has risen to an alarming level. The National Hurricane Center states that more than half of all deaths associated with tropical cyclones (tropical storms and hurricanes) have been a direct result of inland flooding.

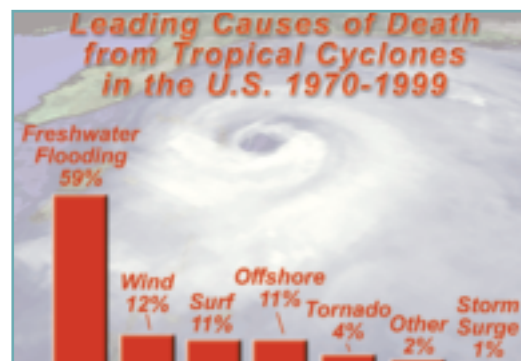
At least 23 percent of the people who die as a result of tropical cyclones do so either by drowning in, or attempting to abandon their automobile in flood waters. Do not attempt to cross a raging torrent of flood water in a vehicle, and don't forget about the deadly power of water after a hurricane or tropical storm passes.

How to minimize the effects of an inland or freshwater flood:

- Remember that hurricanes are often synonymous with inland flooding.
- Determine ahead of time whether you live in or will be passing through a potential flood zone.
- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Never allow children to play in or near a rain-swollen ditch or storm drain.
- Keep track of the tropical storm/hurricane's progress. A slow-moving storm will dump much more rain than a fast-moving one.
- Keep up with the latest road conditions through the media. Move to a safe place before access is cut off by flooding.
- Never attempt to cross flowing water on foot or in your vehicle. As little as six inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
- Develop a flood emergency action plan.
- Purchase flood insurance. Flood damage usually is not covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies. Check your policy.

For more extensive information, please visit:

HurricaneTrack.com



"In the last 30 years, inland flooding has been responsible for more than half the deaths associated with tropical cyclones in the United States."

Ed Rappaport, National Hurricane Center

For your safety

Once the recovery process begins, avoid driving, since many roads will be covered with debris and may be impassable. Also, emergency vehicles and relief workers will be able to respond more efficiently without additional traffic congestion. If you have evacuated, do not try to return home until officials announce the area is ready. In many cases, you will need a valid ID with your local address to be allowed entry.

To preserve you and your family's well-being, make an effort to:

- Watch for snakes, insects, rodents and animals driven to higher ground by storm surge and flooding.
- Beware of weakened tree limbs.
- Confine or secure your pets to keep them safe.
- Avoid the use of candles, matches and other open flames in your home.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate.
- Use your telephone only in emergencies.



Stay away from downed or dangling lines, especially when clearing fallen trees.

Downed tree safety

If you choose to clear away fallen debris on your own, be sure to:

- Always wear proper safety equipment, such as heavy boots, gloves, long sleeves, long pants and/or safety chaps and safety goggles.
- Use extreme caution when operating a chain saw, and heed all safety warnings.
- Hire professionals for the removal of large, uprooted trees or trees on any part of your home.

After the hurricane

The American Red Cross' Community Disaster Education Program and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Project Impact and Community & Family Preparedness Programs are available to help build a disaster-resistant community and to challenge businesses and individuals to take action to reduce the effects of natural disasters. By following the prevention and preparedness tips in this brochure, you can help your community take its first steps toward becoming a disaster-resistant community. For more information, please contact your local American Red Cross chapter and your local Emergency Management Agency.



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Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse is a proud sponsor of the American Red Cross, which provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Your financial contribution to the American Red Cross helps disaster victims quickly obtain basic necessities. To make a donation, you can call 1-800-HELP-NOW or visit redcross.org.

On-going Disaster Relief

In recent years, local Lowe's Home Improvement stores have responded to more than 50 natural disasters across the nation. By donating truckloads of critical supplies, providing the American Red Cross with store credits and implementing price freezes and special credit terms, Lowe's customers and fellow local residents could begin rebuilding their lives without delay.



Joe Torres, from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Joe Decker, from Middletown, N.Y., help deliver disaster relief supplies to the National Guard after the September 11 attacks.

Tropical Storm Allison

Following the devastating floods caused by Tropical Storm Allison in 2001, Lowe's responded by working with various relief agencies in the Houston area.

Support from Lowe's customers also led to the donation of more than \$43,000 to the American Red Cross Relief Fund, which Lowe's matched dollar for dollar. In addition, 60 Lowe's associates, whose homes were damaged, received assistance through the Lowe's Employee Relief Fund.

Hurricane Floyd

Lowe's has continued to assist with recovery efforts following 1999's Hurricane Floyd by partnering with the residents and community members of Princeville, NC, the oldest town founded by blacks in America. In January 2001, Lowe's donated materials and volunteers for a 12-home Habitat for Humanity building blitz. Additional projects are planned for the future to restore this community to its original state and then some.

September 11 Response

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 shocked the nation, Lowe's provided relief workers with thousands of dollars of needed supplies at no cost. By Sept. 12, Lowe's had activated its American Red Cross customer donation program in all Lowe's stores across the country. Lowe's corporate pledge of \$1 million to the Red Cross supplemented the \$1,488,692 in customer donations collected at Lowe's stores nationwide.

Lowe's offered military families a 10 percent discount on all purchases in October. On Nov. 17, each Lowe's store conducted a "Power of Pride" kid's

clinic, where children of military families assembled wooden photo boxes and signed banners to send to U.S. military bases worldwide.

"Disaster preparedness and recovery is an extension of Lowe's dedication to home safety and protection. Developing this relationship with the American Red Cross is a significant way Lowe's can contribute a wide variety of our resources to help people recover and rebuild their lives after the devastating impact of a natural disaster."

Robert Tillman, Chairman, President and CEO,
Lowe's Companies, Inc.

Lowe's Home Safety Council

Our customers tell us that helping in times of disasters is one of the best ways we can give back to our communities, and Lowe's strives to help our customers and their families before disaster strikes, too. In 1993, Lowe's founded Lowe's Home Safety Council (LHSC) with a vision of creating safer American homes. Through such national initiatives as the Lowe's Heroes employee volunteer program and the Lowe's Great Safety Adventure® traveling children's exhibit, LHSC is working to reduce the number of preventable injuries occurring in and around the home, saving lives and homeowners' property in the process. For the latest home safety-related news and information, visit loweshomesafety.org or call 1-800-SAFE HOME (800-723-3466).



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