

# Storm Tips: Before and After

PSC's Hurricane House



## BEFORE

- 1. Shutters** - Install impact-resistance shutters on all windows and glass doors for protection.
- 2. Oxygen Generator** - Plan for backup power for medically essential equipment.
- 3. Cellular Phones** - Charge cell phones before the storm; have extra batteries and a car charger.
- 4. Pets** - Check which evacuation shelters allow pets.
- 5. First Aid Kit** - Keep a well-stocked first aid kit in the house.
- 6. Disaster Supplies Kit** - Stock water, non-perishable food, clothing, sanitation supplies, and other basics. Keep evacuation items in a waterproof container.
- 7. Water Supply** - Store a three-day water supply: at least one gallon per person per day.
- 8. Battery Operated Radios/Flashlights** - Have extra batteries available.
- 9. Automobile** - Plan an evacuation route. Fuel your vehicle. Charge electric vehicles.
- 10. Outdoor Objects** - Anchor outdoor items or bring them inside to avoid damage.
- 11. Main Water Valve** - Locate the water shutoff valve to the house in case of emergency.

## AFTER

- 12. Refrigerator** - Preserve food longer by keeping the door closed.
- 13. Power Lines** - Avoid all downed power lines and report them to the utility company.
- 14. Displaced Wildlife** - Beware of wildlife driven to higher ground after storm flooding.
- 15. Portable Generator** - Always run generators outdoors. Never connect a generator directly to the house's wiring.
- 16. Electric Meter** - Check meter box and surrounding equipment for damage before power is turned back on after an outage.

