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Hurricane Safety Guide



HURRICANE WARNINGS

Hurricane Warnings are issued when hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours or less before landfall.

IF AN EVACUATION ORDER IS ISSUED:

- ❖ Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads & Watch for washed-out bridges
- ❖ Secure your home by unplugging appliances, turning off electricity, & shutting off water at the main valve
- ❖ Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going
- ❖ If you have time, elevate furniture to avoid possible flooding
- ❖ Take with you: emergency supplies, warm clothing, blankets, & sleeping bags
- ❖ Lock your home before leaving

AT HOME:

- ❖ Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, & glass doors
- ❖ Avoid open flames & Use flashlights (Have extra batteries on hand)
- ❖ If you are in a Mobile Home, check your tie downs and evacuate immediately
- ❖ If power is lost, turn off major appliances to avoid a power "surge" when restored

AROUND THE HOUSE

OUTSIDE:

- ❖ Install storm shutters or plywood & door braces. Cover all windows & doors so they can withstand hurricane-force winds
- ❖ Unplug your TV & take down any outdoor antennas or satellite dishes
- ❖ Drain in-ground pools approximately one foot, super-chlorinate to avoid contamination, & disconnect electrical pumps
- ❖ Bring in any outdoor objects that could be blown away
- ❖ Disconnect propane tanks and turn off the main gas line

INSIDE:

- ❖ Turn your refrigerator & freezer to the coldest settings
- ❖ Have 3 gallons of water per person on hand
- ❖ Clean your bathtub with bleach, rinse thoroughly, and let it dry. Seal the drain and fill the tub. Use for sanitary purposes, not drinking.
- ❖ Prepare a "safe room". Stock it with food, drinks, emergency supplies, sleeping materials
- ❖ Place valuables & documents in waterproof containers. Take them with you if you evacuate.
- ❖ Do not stay in a mobile home



BEFORE THE STORM

❖ **Plan an evacuation route**

*Check with local law enforcement
or American Red Cross for shelters*

❖ **Learn safe routes inland**

*Plan to drive at least 20-50 miles
Have essential needs on hand*

❖ **Make arrangements for pets**

*Pets are generally not allowed in
Emergency Shelters*

❖ **Educate yourself and your family**

*How to turn off gas, electricity, & water
How & When to dial 911*

❖ **Protect you windows**

Pre-drilled ½ inch Plywood & 18 inch screws

❖ **Check into Flood Insurance**

Normally 30 days before effective

❖ **Develop an Emergency Communication Plan**

*In case family members are separated,
establish another Family Member” as the
point of contact and all family members
know their name, address, and phone
number*

Did you know...

**In 10 minutes, a hurricane
releases more energy than all
the world's nuclear weapons
combines.**

<https://www.didyouknowthat.wordpress.com>

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American Red Cross Shelter Information

1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767)

or

www.redcross.org

DURING THE STORM

- ❖ **Stay indoors, away from the windows**
- ❖ **Consider turning off circuit breakers
before the power goes off**
- ❖ **Once inside a “safe room”, stay there
even if you hear glass breaking**
- ❖ **If your house begins to break apart, cover
yourself with a mattress and/or pillows. If
you are using the bathroom as a “safe
room”, get into the bathtub and
cover yourself with the mattress**
- ❖ **Stay tuned to local radio & television
stations.**
- ❖ **Do not leave the residence unless ordered
to do so by officials or an “all clear” is
given.**
- ❖ **If you notice the wind die down, you may
be in the eye of the storm. Winds may
resume at any time and may be stronger
than before**
- ❖ **Use the phone for urgent calls only**



AFTER THE STORM

- ❖ **Locate a fire extinguisher before
attempting to turn the power back on**
- ❖ **Stay away from downed power lines**
- ❖ **Do not dial 911 unless it is a life-
threatening emergency**
- ❖ **Do not report individual power, water,
gas, or phone problems. Utility
companies will restore services as quickly
as possible**
- ❖ **If a generator is needed after the storm
to power your home, make sure that
you place the generator outside your
home or garage where it is well ventilated
from fumes**
- ❖ **Do not drink tap water until you hear
from officials that it is safe.**
- ❖ **Do not pile debris near power poles**
- ❖ **When possible, call your out-of-town
contact and tell them you are alright**
- ❖ **Avoid driving**
- ❖ **Use caution in approaching someone
else's property; you could be mistaken
for a looter**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Scott Police Dept.	(337) 233-3715
Scott Fire Dept.	(337) 235-4725
Scott City Hall	(337) 233-1130
Emergy	(225) 354-3158
SLEMCO	(337) 896-2540