

Evacuating Is the Smartest Move

These storms are highly unpredictable and can strengthen rapidly in a matter of hours.

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To protect your home, whether you are staying or going, put up shutters or plywood on all windows and openings. Winds are stronger at higher elevations, and high-rise apartments or condos.

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Notify relatives and friends about evacuation plans and confirm reservations if planning to stay at a hotel.

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Turn off electricity at the main circuit breaker or fuse box to protect appliances from power surges and reduce the risk of live dangling wires after the storm.

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Your emergency preparedness kit should include radio and flashlight with extra batteries, extra eye glasses, medications and special products for babies and elderly family members, bottled water, non-perishable food, dry clothes, bedding and important documents in waterproof containers.

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