**be ready!**

**HURRICANES**

- Cover windows with storm shutters or plywood.
- Tune in for local information.
- Know how to turn off your gas, electricity, and water in case you need to evacuate.
- Secure outdoor items by moving them to the garage.
- Designate a shelter area, if you can’t evacuate. Rooms without windows are best.
- Make an emergency kit.

**before**

- Prevent mold growth, by airing out rooms and disinfecting. More information.
- Tap water may not be safe to drink, listen to local warnings. More information.
- Throw away food that may be unsafe. More information.
- Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, use generators, stoves, and grills outside and away from windows and doors.

**after**

- If your home has damage, do not reenter until it has been examined by a building inspector for safety.