

AFTER A HURRICANE Checklist

CLEAN-UP TIME

Having the correct post-disaster information, following local authorities' safety procedures, and inspecting your home properly will mitigate the stress after the storm and prevent injuries or further damage.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- Continue listening to the radio for the latest updates
- Use family communications plan; if you are separated from your family, contact the local authorities, FEMA or the American Red Cross

SAFETY

- Return home only when officials have announced it is safe
- Drive only when necessary; avoid flooded roads and possible weakened bridges and roads
- Avoid the outdoors in case of debris, rubble, weakened roads or sidewalks and exposed or fallen electrical wires
- Even after the storm has ended there is still a danger of flooding and additional rainfall
- Do not use candles because there could be a gas leak
- Be cautious and safe when cleaning up any wreckage or debris
- Avoid drinking water from the tap until you have been informed it is not contaminated

HOME INSPECTION

- Inspect inside and outside of home for damage and safety hazards
- Check for gas leaks
- Check for structural damage
- Check for loose power lines or other electrical damage
- Check for sewage and waterline damage
- Check fridge for spoilage
- Check for wild animals who might have taken refuge in your home
- Stay out of the home if there are remaining flood waters
- Document damages in writing and with photos
- Report damages to insurance provider
- Take down boards protecting windows