



Special Safety Alert Hurricane Safety Tips

After losing a car to Hurricane Irene last year, our household has gone into full Hurricane Emergency Preparedness. While we hope that “Sandy” will take a turn and move harmlessly away from our area, we want all our members and their employees and residents to be prepared.

- Fill up your car **NOW!** If we lose power, you will not be able to fill up your tank. If you have to leave your home for any reason, you do not want to have to “stop for gas”.
- Plan your evacuation route and have several alternatives. Do not rely on your GPS system to navigate you around detours. Know where you are going before you leave your house.
- If a road is closed, barricades are up or you see a flooded road – “**Turn Around – Don’t Drown**”. Remember that only 6 inches of water can sweep you off your feet.
- Down power lines are dangerous, especially when they are surrounded by water. Stay away from them and if possible alert the power company as soon as possible.
- Be sure that you have a Hurricane Safety Kit. Check now to see if you need batteries, bottled water, canned food and a flashlight. Charge your cell phones and other electronic devices.
- Before the storm arrives, turn your refrigerator to the coldest setting and keep the door closed. Fill up your bathtub in order to have water to flush the toilets and for cleaning.
- Bring in items from the outside that might become flying objects and anchor items that you cannot move. Many of us have a lot of extra items outside because we are decorated for Halloween, be sure they are all secured.
- Back up your computer **NOW**. When the storm approaches, turn off small appliances. If you lose power, unplug your televisions so that when electricity is restored, the power surge will not damage them.
- Finally make sure that you have extra cash. If the power goes out, ATMs and credit cards will not work.

By working together and being prepared we will be able to weather this storm.