After a Hurricane: Safety Checklist

What should you do after a hurricane? Save this safety checklist of tasks you should do after a hurricane.



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- [ ] Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
- [ ] Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
- [ ] If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- [ ] Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- [ ] Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- [ ] Stay out of any building that has water around it.
- [ ] Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- [ ] Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- [ ] Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- [ ] Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- [ ] Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- [ ] Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.
- [ ] Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

Important Links

- [ ] American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org/
- [ ] American Red Cross Safety and Well Bell Being Registration: https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php
- [ ] If you don't have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family

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