

HOW-TO NATURAL DISASTER SURVIVAL CHEAT SHEET
NOTIFICATION STEPS

	FOR SHELTER IN PLACE	DONE
1	Download link to be notified of weather, first responder updates and community conversations about any actions to take concerning the hurricane	
2	Create a group text for family and friends	
3	Place <u>Shelter In Place</u> sticker in highly visible location on your home, preferably near the roof in case of flooding	
4	Fill gas tanks	
5	Make sure generators are functioning properly	
6	If you have an attic make sure ladder is down in case flooding happens suddenly; if not, have a ladder that can reach the roof of your home	
7	Stock up on grocery essentials in case roads are washed out or hard to reach	
8	Have a map or know the ACTUAL location of your designated shelter in case cell towers become non-functional	
9	Keep emergency supplies in large sealed tote	
10	Send updates to all social media platforms letting friends and family you are sheltering in place	
11	If there are older neighbors, help them download the app so they can stay notified as well	
12	BUY A PORTABLE RADIO – They are readily available at your local Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe's or Ace Hardware	

STORE THESE IN YOUR PHONE IF POSSIBLE

	IMPORTANT LOCAL NUMBERS <i>*DO NOT JUST CALL 911 AS THEY WILL BE EXERIE NCING HIGH CALL VOLUMES*</i>	PHONE #	DONE
1	LOCAL POLICE	954-330-5111	
2	Fire Department (First Responder)	786-354-6629	
3	Local Shelter – HOPE SOUTH FLORIDA	954-566-2311	
4	List of Shelters by County. Link: https://www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/shelters/	850-815-4000	

	DURING THE STORM
1	Use a portable radio to listen to important storm updates, information and instructions.
2	Never go outside the protection of your home or shelter before there is confirmation that the storm has passed the area. The eye of the storm could create a temporary and deceptive lull, with high winds still approaching.
3	Stay inside and keep away from all windows, skylights and glass doors. Go to a safe area, such as an interior room, closet or downstairs bathroom
4	If power is lost, keep the refrigerator closed to keep cold air trapped and delay spoilage of perishable food.
5	If you <u>use a portable generator</u> , follow all the manufacturer's instructions. Properly grounded to prevent electrical shock and should never be operated indoors, in garages, basements or outdoors near any windows, doors or vents. Because generators produce carbon monoxide (CO), make sure you have a working CO detector in your home

AFTER THE STORM	
1	If you were evacuated, return home only after authorities advise it is safe to do so
2	Avoid downed power lines. Never touch anything in contact with power lines, including water or water puddles that may be near the downed power lines.
3	Protect your property from further damage by boarding up broken windows to help deter vandalism or additional weather damage. Arrange for reasonable temporary repairs.
4	Be wary of any gas lines that may have been damaged or broken during the storm. If a gas leak is suspected, stay out of the property until the utility company deems it safe.
5	Be cautious of hazards that are a product of the storm, such as water due to flooding, sharp or broken objects, damaged tree limbs or other structures that may have been damaged by high winds or water.
6	Keep accurate records of your expenses and save bills and receipts from your temporary repairs. (Avoid making permanent repairs until your Claim professional has reviewed the damage.) Keep accurate records of any other expenses incurred.
7	Separate and inventory any damaged personal property. Create a list of any damaged contents, including a description of the item, name of the manufacturer, brand name, age, as well as the place and date of purchase, if known. Include photographs, videotapes or personal property inventories you may already have available.
8	If you think your home might be unsafe due to storm damage, contact your insurance company to discuss finding temporary accommodations.

<i>SIMPLE TIPS FOR PROPER GENERATOR USE</i>	
1	Follow all the manufacturer's instructions.
2	Properly grounded to prevent electrical shock
3	NEVER operated indoors, in garages, basements or outdoors near any windows, doors or vents.
4	Because generators produce carbon monoxide (CO), make sure you have a working CO detector in your home
5	Plug in only the most-needed item: appliances, fans, radios, etc. Unless you're cooking, leave the oven unplugged