

# LOWER YOUR DISASTER RISK

## Prepare for strong winds and heavy rains:

- ◆ Move items from your yard and lanai into your garage or home: outdoor furniture, trash bins, garden tools, grills, sports equipment, bicycles, potted/hanging plants, or anything that could be picked up by strong winds.
- ◆ Inspect and repair damaged roofing.
- ◆ Clear rain gutters and nearby storm drains.
- ◆ Reinforce windows, doorways, and garage doors.
- ◆ Cover all windows and doors with plywood or other protective coverings and install weather stripping.
- ◆ Install connectors (hurricane clips) that tie the roof to the walls and the walls to the foundation (continual load path connection).
- ◆ Trim shrubs, hedges and tree branches.
- ◆ Remove trees that could be dangerous.
- ◆ Move important items to higher shelves in case of flooding (e.g. electronics, documents, etc.)



**Natural and human-caused disasters can occur at any time with little or no warning. Prepare yourself and your home now.**



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## What you need to do:

- ◆ Study the **Plan and Prepare Now for the Next Disaster** flyer, then make your 14-Day Disaster Supply Kit (minimum of 14 days for each person).
- ◆ Select the best interior location for a safe room such as a bathroom with no windows or a walk in closet. It should be near the center of the structure and have no exterior walls.
- ◆ The safe room should have enough space for all family members, pets, emergency supplies, and bedding.
- ◆ Review your homeowners/renters insurance policy for structural dwelling, content, and property coverage limits and adjust as appropriate.
- ◆ Create a list with high-value items (e.g. furniture, electronics, appliances, jewelry, artwork, collectibles, etc.)
- ◆ Take photos/videos of your home and property, inside and out. Back up your inventory list, photos/videos, and important computer files to an external drive or to a secure online cloud storage service.
- ◆ Use **HNL.info** to stay informed about emergencies, weather advisories, traffic bulletins, and much more via SMS or Email.