

HAZARDS AND THREATS

HURRICANES – AFTER a HURRICANE

The Hurricane and emergency management experts recommend the following After a Hurricane:

- ✓ Continue to monitor NOAA Weather Radio as well as news radio and television for updates.
- ✓ Stay alert for additional rainfall and flooding.
- ✓ Only return home when officials announce it is ok or safe to return.
- ✓ Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roadways and washout bridges.
- ✓ Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately to the utility companies.
- ✓ Stay out of any buildings that have water surrounding it.
- ✓ Inspect your home and/or property for damages.
- ✓ Take photographs and document the damages.
- ✓ Use flashlights and not candles when it is dark as candles could cause fires.
- ✓ Avoid using tap water when preparing foods to ensure that there is no contamination.
- ✓ Check refrigerator for food that spoiled. If in doubt, throw it out.
- ✓ Wear protective clothing and especially be cautious when cleaning up in order to avoid injury.
- ✓ Watch animals and keep them under your direct control.
- ✓ Use telephone only for emergency calls.