

HAZARDS AND THREATS

HURRICANES – RECOVERY

After a Hurricane, you will rebuild your home and property, and the experts recommend doing the following:

- ✓ Secure double entry doors at the top and bottom.
- ✓ Strengthen existing garage doors to improve the wind resistance, specifically double-wide or larger garage doors.
- ✓ Protect windows with permanent storm shutters or one-half inch marine plywood that is pre-cut to fit your doors and windows.
- ✓ Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts to prevent flooding and the water entering your home and/or property and it will relieve the unnecessary pressure on the awnings.
- ✓ Select trees that are not as subject to uprooting to replaced damaged ones. A gardener or landscaper can provide recommendations for you.
- ✓ Identify a place to store lawn furniture, gardening tools, trash cans that may be swept away during the high winds and could become airborne.
- ✓ Ensure roof sheathing is properly installed.
- ✓ Ensure that roof tiles or shingles are secure and will not fly off during high winds.
- ✓ When possible, elevate your home, if it is located near the coast and subject to flooding from storm surge.