



# LAST-MINUTE CHECKLIST



## PREPARE TO EVACUATE

- ✓ Be prepared to evacuate and do so immediately when asked.
- ✓ Know your route, your destination, and make sure you have a full tank of fuel for your vehicle. Stay in contact with someone outside the hazard area.



## PREPARE OUTSIDE SURROUNDINGS

- ✓ Secure weak or loose fencing.
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs away from structures and remove any weak tree sections at risk of falling onto structures.
- ✓ Move lawn furniture, toys, potted plants, garden tools and other yard objects inside; anchor heavier yard objects deep into the ground.



## PROTECT WINDOWS AND DOORS

- ✓ Close all interior doors, in addition to all windows and exterior doors.
- ✓ If you have shutters, monitor weather conditions to ensure you have enough time to deploy them before the storm hits your area.
- ✓ Check doors, windows, and walls for openings where water can get in; use silicone caulk to seal any cracks, gaps, or holes – especially around openings where cables and pipes enter the house.



## REDUCE WATER DAMAGE RISKS

- ✓ Place all appliances that are on the ground floor, including stoves, washers and dryers on masonry blocks or concrete.
- ✓ Move furniture and electronic devices off the floor, particularly in basements and first floor levels.
- ✓ Remove area rugs from floors so they won't get wet and grow mold or mildew, especially if the property will be unattended for an extended period of time and/or if long-term power outages are a possibility.
- ✓ Put fresh batteries in sump pumps.
- ✓ Shut off electrical service at the main breaker if the electrical system and outlets could possibly be under water.