

## When the Wind Blows: Tips to keep your house in one piece

*Whether caused by a hurricane or a severe storm, winds can wreak havoc on your home. Here are some tips and tricks to keep your property safe.*

### Protecting your home:

- Use shutters to cover windows, or plywood can be used for temporary protection. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Remove or stabilize any item, patio furniture or toys, that have a possibility of being airborne in high winds.
- Your garage door is probably one of the weakest entries into your home. Reinforce your garage doors; if wind enters a garage it can blow your whole roof off your house. A few braces added to your existing door can help give you piece of mind.
- Stay safe; always be prepared for anything that may happen. Make sure everyone in your family knows what to do in case an emergency takes place. Consider building safe rooms or have a designated place where everyone can assemble together and figure out what to do next. Bathrooms and basements are usually the safest places to be.



### Did you know?

**When hurricanes were first given names in 1953, all were named after females. It was not until 1978 that they started using males names.**

**Strong hurricanes release the energy of 10 atomic bombs, they can yield enough energy in a day to light up Vegas for years.**

**The red spot that can be seen on Jupiter, is a hurricane that has been going on for over 300 years and is larger than earth.**

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