



GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE

AFTER THE STORM

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GUIDANCE & RECOMENDATIONS

recovering from the damages caused by severe wind-related events

WHAT TO DO

INITIAL GUIDANCE, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- Keep listening to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio.
- Wait until an area is declared safe before entering.
- Watch for closed roads. If you come upon a barricade or a flooded road, Turn Around Don't Drown!
- Avoid weakened bridges and washed out roads.
- Stay on firm ground. Moving water only 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet. Standing water may be electrically charged from power lines.
- Once home, check gas, water and electrical lines and appliances for damage.
- Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Never use candles and other open flames indoors.
- Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until officials say it is safe.



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Facing the damage to the community after a hurricane can be devastating. It is important to remain calm and follow the recommendations listed to ensure your safety during these times.

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- Emergency workers may be assisting people in flooded areas or cleaning up debris. You can help them by staying off the roads and out of the way as much as possible.
- If your home has flood water inside or around it, don't walk or wade in it. The water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline, or raw sewage.
- If your power is out, safely use a generator or battery-operated flashlights.
- Never use a generator inside a home, shed or garage even if doors and windows are open.
- Keep generators outside and far away from windows, doors and vents. Read both the label on your generator and the owner's manual and follow the instructions.
- Avoid plugging emergency generators into electric outlets or hooking them directly to your home's electrical system – they can feed electricity back into the power lines, putting you and line workers in danger.

RESOURCES:

Emergencies: Dial 911

Greater Naples Fire Rescue: www.greaternaplesfire.org ; (239) 348-7540 Collier County

Emergency Management: www.colliergov.net; Hotline- (239) 252-8444 NOAA Weather

Radio All Hazards: www.weather.gov/nwr

National Hurricane Center: www.nhc.noaa.gov

Florida Division of Emergency Management: www.floridadisaster.org