

# Hurricanes:

## Advance Preparation Checklist

- ✓ Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to **storm surge**, **flooding** and **wind**.
- ✓ Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- ✓ Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- ✓ Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- ✓ Make a plan now for what to do with your pets (information available at Fire Department Web site or Headquarters) if you need to evacuate.
- ✓ Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- ✓ Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- ✓ Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit (information available at Fire Department Web site or Headquarters).
- ✓ Use a weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
- ✓ Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.