

Make a plan.

It's up to you to keep those you love safe in a disaster.

Making a plan gives you peace of mind.

It lets you know your loved ones will get out safely...

That they are in a secure place...

That they get the care they need...

That they have all the provisions they need...

And that nothing is left to chance.

Help yourself and those you love.

Make your plan today.



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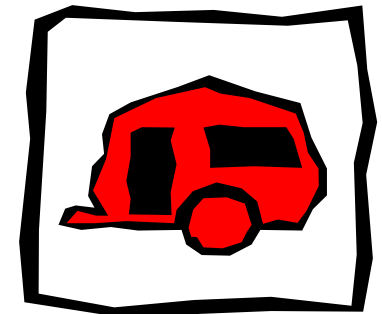
1-877-286-6431
1-800-981-NOLA (TTY)
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Trailer and Mobile Home Safety

A guide for manufactured home residents during evacuation.



Hurricane season's official dates are June 1st until November 30th. Peak hurricane activity usually happens from mid-August to late October. Persons living in mobile homes are extremely vulnerable to threats from wind. During tropical storms or hurricanes mobile home residents suffer more destruction of property and loss of life. You need to understand the threats and be prepared to minimize them. Due to coastal erosion, wind and flood threats are real threats during any hurricane. The possibility of harm to family and home is considerably greater than with site built homes.

In the wake of Hurricane Andrew in 1994, higher building standards have been adopted for mobile homes. Even though these new homes are "safer", hurricane winds and related dangers continue to threaten all mobile home residents. Hurricane Katrina was damaging to even the most well-constructed mobile home.

All mobile home residents will be required to evacuate in a Category 3, 4, or 5 storm, and are advised to seek shelter in a secure building during lower-level storms.

Weather threats include:

- Inland winds-Strong tropical storm or weak hurricane force winds destroy homes many miles inland from where a hurricane makes landfall.
- Falling trees/branches-Old trees and rain soaked branches in high winds cause structural damage.
- Flying debris-Signs, roofing material, siding and unsecured objects become flying missiles during a hurricane.
- Tornadoes/microbursts-A very common and sudden cause of severe inland destruction during a hurricane.
- Flooding-Flooding may wash mobile homes off their foundation and overturn them.

An Evacuation order is the most important instruction you will receive from local government officials. Whether voluntary or mandatory, *all* mobile home and trailer residents are at risk and should leave for their own safety.

Take the following steps to secure your home before leaving:

Pack all breakables in well-padded cartons and place them on the floor of your home.

Shutter windows.

Shut off fuel lines and/or turn off bottles at the tanks. **DO NOT** disconnect.

Turn off the water where it enters the home. Open faucets and leave them open. If done correctly, no water should flow.

Minimize damage by using "over the top" and "frame ties" to anchor your mobile home. "Over the top" keep the unit from overturning and "frame ties" prevent it from being blown off the supports.

Bring outdoor items inside, including satellite dishes. All non-secured items will be airborne projectiles during high winds.

It is illegal to move FEMA trailers. They may not be taken off your property.

If you own your own trailer, make sure it is roadworthy and properly hitched before moving it. Mobile home accidents tie up evacuation traffic and endanger everyone.