

# Sheltering in Place: Hurricane

- Prepare by securing or putting away all loose items outside your house. Hurricane winds exert enormous force
- Close and lock all doors and windows. Locking is preferred since it generally ensures that the door or window is shut tight.
- Stay away from large panes of glass when possible. Close the drapes and curtains
- Close the fireplace flue if it is not in use.
- Keep pets indoors.
- If you have livestock, shelter them, also. Provide them with stored feed and water from a covered source.
- Stay in the room with the fewest windows and doors.
- Take your Family Disaster Kit with you. (See)
- Continue to monitor your Emergency Alert Station and other media for official messages and instructions.
- Stay inside until officials say otherwise. When the winds subside, if your power is out, check for downed power lines. Assume they are live—don't touch them, don't enter a car that has one touching it, don't drive over one

Report power outages and downed lines directly by phone to

NSTAR 1 800 592 2000 They immediately plug that information into their computer system, graphically showing them how wide-spread the problem is, and starting a work order for you.

Public safety officials in the town have access to that information during storms.