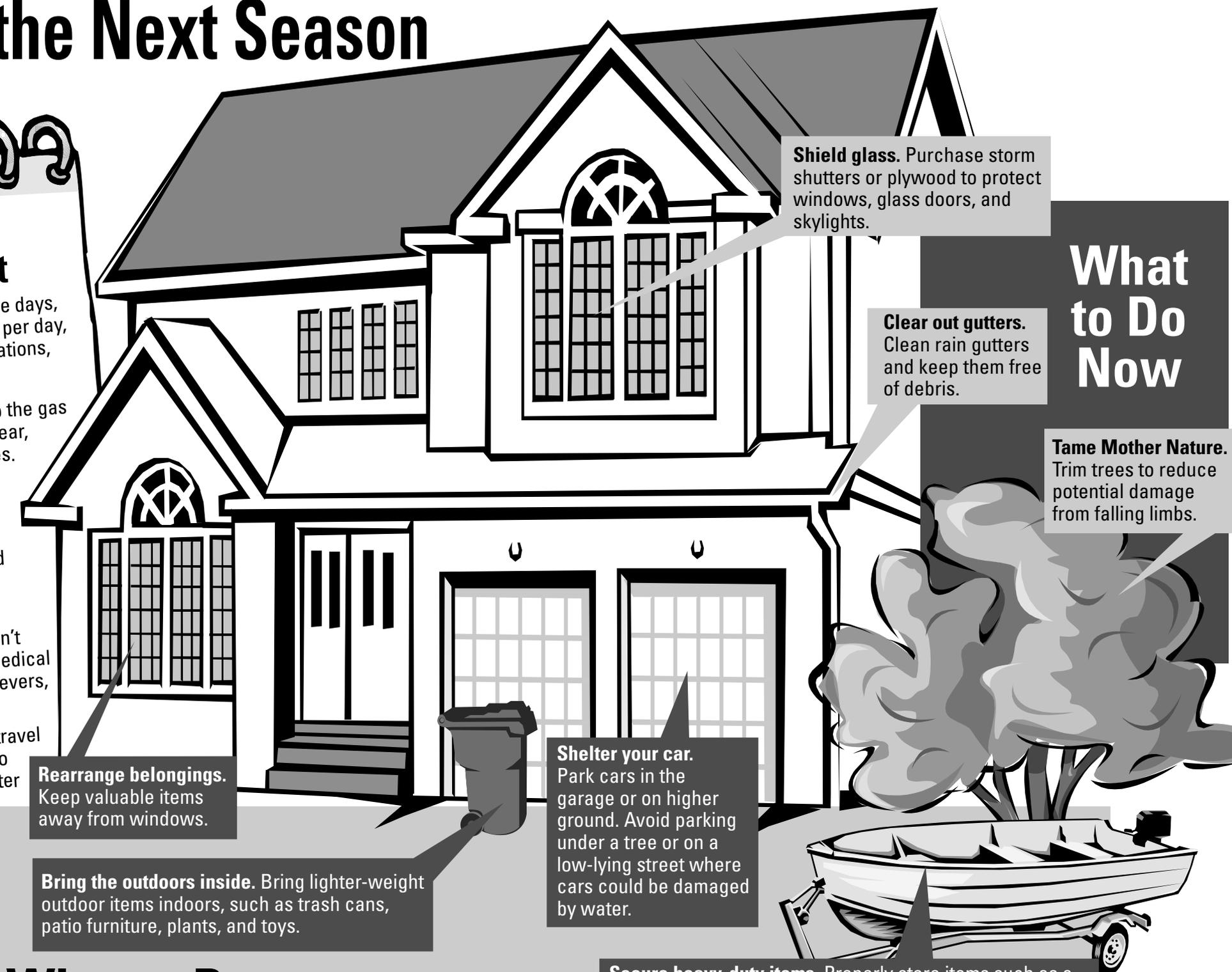


Hurricane How-Tos: Preparing for the Next Season

A 24-Hour Evacuation Checklist

- ❑ **Pack emergency supplies** for two to three days, including one gallon of water per person per day, food that won't spoil, prescription medications, clothing, and blankets.
- ❑ **Prepare the car.** If you are driving, fill up the gas tank and check your car's emergency gear, such as the spare tire and jumper cables.
- ❑ **Collect important papers.** Bring your insurance policies, along with your household inventory, if you have one. Don't forget health insurance cards and copies of your bank and investment account numbers.
- ❑ **Grab or create a first-aid kit.** If you don't have one, fill a small bag with basic medical supplies, such as bandages, pain relievers, and antiseptics.
- ❑ **Pack your pets.** If your pets cannot travel with you, call local animal shelters to see if they provide emergency shelter for pets.



Shield glass. Purchase storm shutters or plywood to protect windows, glass doors, and skylights.

Clear out gutters. Clean rain gutters and keep them free of debris.

What to Do Now

Tame Mother Nature. Trim trees to reduce potential damage from falling limbs.

Rearrange belongings. Keep valuable items away from windows.

Bring the outdoors inside. Bring lighter-weight outdoor items indoors, such as trash cans, patio furniture, plants, and toys.

Shelter your car. Park cars in the garage or on higher ground. Avoid parking under a tree or on a low-lying street where cars could be damaged by water.

Secure heavy-duty items. Properly store items such as a boat or motorcycle, following the same guidelines as with your car. If your boat will stay in the water, tie it down securely and remove the motor and any small objects.

What to Do Before the Storm Hits