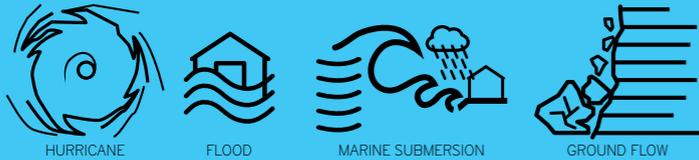


PRE-HURRICANE SEASON PREPARENESS



HURRICANE FLOOD MARINE SUBMERSION GROUND FLOW

SAFETY MEASURES :

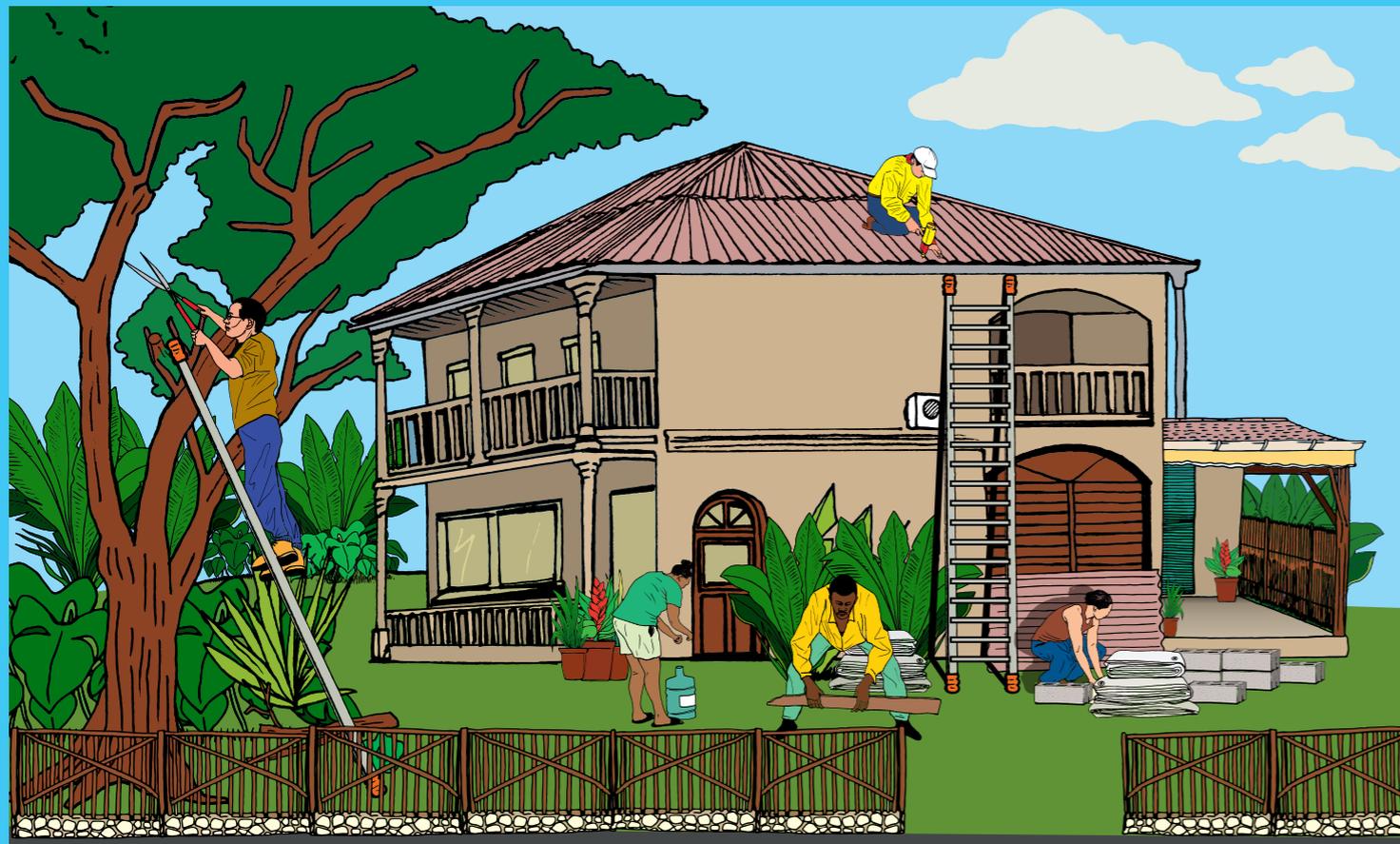
- prepare and strengthen the doors and windows of your home
- inspect and reinforce the roof by referring to the *Practical guide on post-hurricane repairs*
- check the fastenings of the lag screws of the roof
- do the maintenance of the rainwater drainage systems : gutters and downspouts

- store in a safe place a reasonable and long-term reserve of non-perishable food
- prepare a stock of drinking water in sufficient quantity
- continue listening to the authorities for the latest updates



AROUND YOUR HOUSE :

- clean the surroundings of your property
- prune the trees and shrubs
- fasten all outdoor furniture



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PREPARATION FOR IMMEDIATE PASSING OF A HURRICANE

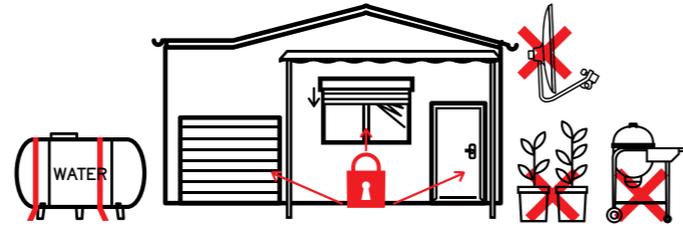
- alert by local officials -



- close storm shutters or board up windows with 5 mm plywood from outside
If using tape, place strips of tape on both sides of the window panes, diagonally and horizontally
- install reinforcing bars inside and / or outside the shutters
- leave a few windows slightly cracked to allow air circulation



- close all interior doors and entrances to reduce wind vibration
- keep curtains and blinds closed to contain the broken glass
- move outdoor objects inside :
garbage cans, bicycles, umbrellas, TV antennas, flowerpots, garden furniture...
- secure outdoor objects indoors, any objects that can turn into projectiles such as :
barbecue grills, gas bottles...



- provide a basic supply kit :
portable radio and battery operated flashlight, drinking water, important documents, prescription drugs, food, blankets, change of clothes
- turn off the water and electricity lines to reduce the risk of fires



- place a mop at the entrance of doors and exits

FOR HOUSES ON THE SEASIDE, FOR WOODEN SHACKS AND WEAK BUILDINGS:

- evacuate the house and take refuge in a designated hurricane shelter

- placing heavy objects on the ground in order to reinforce the structure
- secure wooden shacks and attach awnings with ropes, cables and stakes
- install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure

DURING THE HURRICANE



- stay safe and do not go outside under any circumstances until the officials announce its safe do so
- take shelter in the safest room of your home, the room having no or few openings on the outside
- tune in to local radio current weather updates and instructions



AFTER THE HURRICANE

- once the alert is raised by local authorities -



- follow the instructions given by the authorities
- inspect your home for damages and stay away from dangerous areas.
- clear your home, do not touch fallen power lines



- dry your home and ventilating as much as possible
Open windows and doors and also drawers and cabinets to help the drying process : use fans, air condition and dehumidifiers to remove excess moisture



- have your home inspected by a professional
- consult *Practical guide on post hurricane repairs* for minimal repairs

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