



CERT Monthly Safety Tip

Securing Electronic Devices & Data

Hurricanes and storms can cause great damage to our electronic devices and loss of valuable records. Follow these important tips to safeguard your data and create multiple backup options.

- Scan important documents into digital format using a scanner, handheld camera or phone app. Include all insurance and legal documents. Once scanned, store them in a waterproof and fire-safe container.
- Take 'before' and 'after' digital photos/videos of your home, furniture and valuables.
- Save your digital data to an external hard drive or USB flash drive and put it in your "Go Bag".
- Schedule automatic backups of data and devices to a cloud-based server.
- Place electronics in high and dry locations away from windows.
- Limit the use of electronics until the storm has passed and power has stabilized.
- Turn off and unplug electronics that aren't needed during the storm.