

# Stay or Go? Simple Guide on How to Decide if you will need to Evacuate your Home

For every storm (Hurricane, Flood, Blizzard), you will need to decide if you will shelter in your home or evacuate.

## Stay:

Unless it's a major storm, shelter in place if:

- Your home is not in an evacuation area or flood zone
- Is not a manufactured or mobile home
- Your roof and structure are in good repair; you feel safe
- Have supplies on hand (food, water, medications, flash light, blankets for warmth)

## Evacuate:

- You are in a mandatory evacuation zone
- You are in a manufactured or mobile home
- Take personal items with you, have a "kit" ready (identification, medications, hygiene items, tell a friend or family where you are going, take pets and pet food if possible)

## Where to Evacuate:

- The home of friends or family
- Accommodations outside of the storm's path
- Community shelter. **Shelters provide basic support and should be a last resort.** Not all shelters will be open. Monitor local government news and the Town website to learn when shelters are open.

## When to Evacuate:

- If you must evacuate, leave as early as possible. Don't wait if told to leave.
- Know your evacuation route, practice in advance with family and include pets.
- Every family member must be clear in advance in case you get separated
- Tell a friend or family member outside of the storm area where you are going
- Do not return until the storm has passed and the area is given the "all clear" as debris and trees may block roads or electrical wires may create a safety concern.

**Make sure we can reach you during an emergency.** Register your phone (cell and home) to receive automatic storm related updates: [www.ct.gov/ctalert](http://www.ct.gov/ctalert)

