Home Hurricane Hunt

How will your home stand up if a hurricane blows into your town? Find out today by taking your family on a Home Hurricane Hunt! Check inside and outside of your home to find answers to your home wind inspection that will give you a sense of your home’s hurricane readiness. Let’s get started! Gather the whole family to see how many items you can check off the list in 30 minutes!

1. Count all of the openings in your home (windows, doors, etc.). Be sure to include any doors with glass panels.

2. Count all of the doors that lead outside, note which way they swing – in or out.

3. Get out your binoculars to check to see if you have any loose tiles or shingles on the roof.

4. Check each tree in your yard for dead or loose limbs that could blow free in high winds.

5. Hurricanes bring heavy rains that can lead to significant flooding. Double check that your gutters are clear of leaves, branches or lost Frisbees!

6. Make a list of items outside you would need to tie down or bring inside like grills, potted plants, patio furniture, toys or garden gnomes.

7. A garage door is the largest and weakest opening on your home. Find the sticker on your garage door that indicates your door’s impact resistance.

8. Make a list of all of the appliances and ensure they are protected from surge by certified power strips. This will minimize or prevent damage should you experience a surge in electricity when power returns after an outage.

9. Check your emergency exits for anything that could blow and block your family’s ability to evacuate if necessary.

10. Make sure the storm drains near your home are clear of debris and trash so rain can always run freely.

Now that you have completed your Home Hurricane Hunt, fill out the complete the comprehensive DIY Wind Inspection at www.flash.org and make any necessary updates to your home so you can Breathe Easy!