

# STORM READY

## Before

- Fasten pre-fitted plywood panels windows and doors to secure all openings
- Close and lock shutters, if possible (zip-ties are a great way to secure shutters without locks while keeping the historic integrity intact)
- Check the roof for any loose tiles or decorative details that could become projectiles; clear away and repair as necessary
- Trim and clear dead tree limbs as they can snap and become airborne in the event of a storm or high wind
- Remove or secure all exterior furniture on balconies and in courtyards
- Ensure gutters and downspouts are securely fastened to the building
- Clear drain paths and rake leaves

## After

- Contact staff prior to conducting ANY work on the exterior of the building, even if not visible from the public right of way, to secure the proper permits
- Walk carefully around the outside of your home to check structural damage
- Carefully clean debris and broken glass; board up any damaged openings with plywood using as few fasteners as possible (take photos of the damage first)
- If it's necessary to tarp your roof, please secure and weatherize your roof then contact the VCC.
- For broken or damaged windows, please secure your property as needed by covering them with tarp or plywood, then contact the VCC.
- Ask the staff any questions via email at [vcc@nola.gov](mailto:vcc@nola.gov)! They will be available via email and respond as quickly as possible. They want to help!
- All repair work that matches the existing condition can be approved at the staff level to expedite the process, but don't forget your permit at: <https://www.nola.gov/onestop/>

### STAY INFORMED:

Vieux Carre Commission: [nola.gov/vcc/](http://nola.gov/vcc/)

NOLA Ready: [ready.nola.gov/home/](http://ready.nola.gov/home/)

Homeland Security: [nola.gov/homeland-security/contact-us/](http://nola.gov/homeland-security/contact-us/)

Design Guidelines: [vccfoundation.org/design-guidelines/](http://vccfoundation.org/design-guidelines/)

Storm & VCC Information: [vccfoundation.org/storm](http://vccfoundation.org/storm)

### DID YOU KNOW?

Each chapter of the Design Guidelines addresses storm preparedness that you can do seasonally and annually (ahead of hurricane season). Check out "Storm Preparedness" in the Index for all the ways you can prepare!