How do I prepare my home for high winds?

FACT SHEET: Stay calm. Stay informed.

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Suggested items to bring in before high winds arrive

If time permits, consider bringing the following items indoors so they don't become a danger in the high winds.

- Outdoor furniture

- Lawn decorations

- Garbage cans

- Potted plants

- Flags and political signage

- Anything else that is not tied down and could potentially pose a danger.

Remember to close all windows and doors and stay inside until the storm passes.

What should I do to project my electrical equipment?
Before a storm hits or if there is a power outage, unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment and appliances until the storm has passed or until power is restored.

Is it necessary to shut off my electricity?
Should you need to evacuate remember to shut off electricity at the main breaker or switch. Make plans in advance to go to a safe location where electricity will be available if someone in your home depends on an electrically powered life support system and you don't have a backup generator.

What if I have gas service?
Hawaii Gas customers should not shut off their gas supply unless evacuating their home. If customers evacuate and have to shut off their gas only a trained Hawaii Gas employee can turn it back on.

Do I need to worry about my photovoltaic system?
Homeowners with PV panels should consult with their licensed contractor regarding normal and emergency procedures for their systems. As a safety precaution, most PV systems are designed to safely shut down during outages. PV systems typically have monitoring systems that allow owners to check the status of their system.

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