

# Why taping windows won't save your house

- 1 Skip the tape.** Tape does not keep windows from breaking and can create larger shards.
- 2 Cover openings.** Impact-rated shutters or 5/8-inch exterior plywood, pre-cut, labeled and with hardware ready before the season.
- 3 Garage door.** Often the weakest opening. Install a wind-rated door or a bracing kit made for your door.
- 4 Keep it sealed.** A breach lets wind pressurize the house and push up on the roof from inside.
- 5 Roof to wall.** Hurricane straps or clips tie the roof structure to the walls. Use a licensed contractor.
- 6 Clear the yard.** Bring in furniture, grills, planters, toys and trash cans. They become projectiles.

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