

Hurricane Prep Guide

Before the Storm

- Schedule a roof inspection by a qualified professional.
- Take “before photos” of your property to show its condition before the storm.
- Keep watch on trusted news sources for storm updates.

Emergency Kit Items

- Create an emergency kit with a minimum 3-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Gather 1 gallon of water per person per day.
- Pack a battery-powered or hand-crank radio.
- Include flashlights and extra batteries.
- Assemble a first-aid.
- Write down a list of important phone numbers.
- Add a whistle, dust masks, and plastic sheeting, or tarps.
- Pack duct tape, moist towelettes, and garbage bags.
- Have a toolbox with a wrench, pliers, and a manual can opener.
- Gather local maps.
- Pack a cell phone with chargers and a charged portable battery.
- Collect any medications or prescriptions. (Consider a 2-week supply if staying home)
- Consider a camp stove and cooking fuel (if staying home).
- If you own a generator, ensure it is in working condition and that you have backup gasoline and oil.
- Take advantage of Tax-Free Hurricane Prep Weeks.

Prepare Your Home

- Board up windows and doors with shutters or plywood.
- Secure windows and doors with straps or tape (if no shutters/plywood).
- Bring in or secure all outdoor furniture, grills, trash cans, and loose objects.
- Trim or remove dead or overhanging branches from trees near your home.
- Waterproof and store copies of important documents in a safe place.
- Consider a digital copy of important documents in cloud storage.



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Develop a Plan

- Know your evacuation zone and have a plan to leave if necessary.
- Know free and bag locations in your city to help prevent flooding.
- Identify a designated shelter location.
- Discuss evacuation routes with your family.
- Establish a communication plan with family members.
- Determine a meeting place or a way to contact each other if phones are down.

During the Storm

- Monitor weather reports closely.
- Follow instructions from local officials.
- Shelter in place/ safe room if advised to evacuate (interior room, away from windows/doors, lowest level).

After the Storm

- Stay away from downed power lines and flooded areas.
- Once safe, assess damage to your property and take pictures for insurance.
- Report any damage to your insurance company.
- Begin repairs as soon as possible.

