



READINESS AS A STORM APPROACHES

Hurricane preparedness and evacuation checklist

The following information is intended to help you prepare your family and property in the event of a hurricane and possible evacuation:

When a hurricane watch is issued for your area

- Know your zone: Authority-ordered evacuation is called based on the possibility of storm surge and flooding, not due to the pending landfall of a tropical storm or hurricane. Visit www.flash.org and search “evacuation zones” to find your location and more information regarding mandatory and voluntary evacuation.
- Know your home: Even if you are not located in an evacuation zone, your home may be unsafe to inhabit during a hurricane due to lack of wind mitigation. If your home is not constructed to withstand high winds, be prepared to move to a safer location.
- Ensure that your emergency supply kit is assembled in the event evacuation is necessary. The American Red Cross recommends every family have an emergency supply kit assembled prior to hurricane season, including:
 - Three day supply of water (one gallon per person per day)
 - Non-perishable food for all family members and pets (three-day supply)
 - First aid kit
 - Flashlight, battery operated radio, and extra batteries
 - An extra set of car keys, credit cards, travelers checks and cash
 - Sanitation supplies and personal hygiene items
 - Map
 - Extra clothing and shoes for all family members
 - Important family documents and phone numbers
 - Prescriptions and medications
 - Personal computers, phones and cameras (with necessary chargers)

For additional information on emergency supplies, visit the American Red Cross Website at www.redcross.org.

- Have all important documentation compiled and stored in a water-tight container or bag. Be sure to include government issued identification, birth certificates, social security cards, credit card or banking information, important contact numbers and insurance documents.
- Fill your vehicle’s gas tank as well as the gas tank of any back-up generator to be utilized in the event of a power outage. Generators should be tested under load prior to the storm. Additional fuel reservoirs can also be filled and stored in a safe, predesignated area. Gasoline and propane should never be stored inside your home.
- If evacuating, leave quickly to avoid unnecessary road congestion. Have a predetermined destination prior to evacuation and have alternate travel routes planned in the event of road closures.
- Monitor local news and radio stations for weather updates and alerts.

Outdoor checklist

- Remove all patio furniture, outdoor planters and decorative items and store them inside your home or garage to prevent damage and to keep them from becoming projectiles in high winds.
- Verify that your pool and/or spa have adequate water levels to maintain structural pressure as water tables fluctuate. Never store glass or metal furniture in your pool as the surface could be compromised.

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Outdoor checklist (continued)

- Remove large light fixtures or ceilings fans when possible, or secure them to prevent swaying or breakage.
- Secure fireplace dampers and flues.
- Install storm shutters or close and lock all impact rated windows and doors. Shutter installation often takes several days therefore a deployment plan should be in place well in advance of hurricane season.
- Close and secure your garage door.

Indoor checklist

- Photograph the interior of your home so that you have documentation of interior finishes and personal possessions.
- Move furniture away from all windows and doors and cover with plastic or tarps if possible.
- Remove drapes or wrap them in plastic or garbage bags to prevent them from making contact with the floor.
- Roll decorative rugs and move them away from openings.
- Place mats, blankets or towels across the thresholds of doors to prevent water infiltration.
- Carefully pack photos, mementos, and other important personal items in water tight or water resistant containers and store in a safe room or closet.
- Execute your emergency plan for any fine art, jewelry or other collectibles.

If you are unable to evacuate

- Have adequate supplies to last for several days including water, necessary medications, first aid kit, batteries and flashlights.
- Be sure cell phones and computers are charged prior to the arrival of tropical storm force winds.
- Find shelter away from windows and doors until the storm passes.

After the storm

- If evacuated, only return once officials say it is safe.
- Stay alert for any extended rainfall, storm surge or flooding.
- Drive only if necessary.
- Do not walk or drive through flooded areas or across downed power lines.
- Document any damage to your home or property when it is safe to do so. To initiate a claim, please call our claims department at 888-760-9195.

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