



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

***“Hope for the Best, Prepare for the Worst”***

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# INTRODUCTION

Living along the coastline is a dream for many. Not only is it beautiful, but there is evidence that suggests living near the coast is also linked to good health! While these benefits do sound appealing, living near the water can also come with its own set of challenges. Severe weather including hurricanes are linked to these areas bringing in high winds, heavy rain, and even flooding. Communities along the east coast and Gulf coast are the most at risk of experiencing a hurricane and the catastrophic damage it leaves behind. However, this doesn't mean you can avoid storm damage by living away from these coastlines. Many areas inland from the coast still experience catastrophic storm weather as a result of hurricane conditions and other weather events. Putting an emergency plan in place are an important first step to properly preparing for these storms. We hope this checklist provides helpful information you can use to be prepared for extreme weather and an incoming hurricane.

According to the National Hurricane Center there are two key factors in protecting your family and your home during hurricanes:

- Preparing in advance. Having a family emergency plan and preparing your home.
- Acting on those preparations when alerted by emergency officials.



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

## WHAT TO DO BEFORE A HURRICANE

- ✓ Pay attention to local weather reports on the radio, television, or the internet.
- ✓ Have an [emergency supplies kit](#) ready to go. Include things like a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, medications, and copies of your critical information in case you must evacuate.
- ✓ Know where to go if you are forced to evacuate, including evacuation routes and emergency numbers.
- ✓ Have your house boarded up, or have storm shutters in place.
- ✓ Trees and branches will fall during storms, so regularly trim or remove damaged trees and limbs to keep you and your property safe.
- ✓ Plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.
- ✓ Make sure all of your tools, supplies, and first aid kit are available for use.
- ✓ Have a secure room available. Here are details for a [FEMA safe room](#) or ICC 500 storm shelter.
- ✓ Be ready to put your plan and preparation into action!



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## WHAT TO DO DURING A HURRICANE

- ✓ Listen for and follow evacuation orders from your local government officials.
- ✓ Stay in a secure your secure room and stay away from windows.
- ✓ Do not use candles.
- ✓ Check-in with family and friends by texting or using social media.
- ✓ Make sure your cell phones are fully charged!



- ✓ Turn your refrigerator or freezer to the coldest setting and open only when necessary.
- ✓ Monitor Weather and Civil Service Bulletins on either regular or NOAA radio.
- ✓ Have your [emergency supplies kit](#) with you at all times.
- ✓ Remain indoors when the eye moves over your area because the storm will resume shortly.



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## WHAT TO DO AFTER A HURRICANE

- ✓ Make sure that everything is completely clear outside, and the storm has passed before leaving your home, or before returning from evacuation.
- ✓ Check-in with family and friends by texting or using social media.
- ✓ Watch out and report debris and downed power lines, but stay away from them.
- ✓ Avoid walking or even driving through flooded waters. Even 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and just one foot of fast-moving water can sweep your vehicle away!
- ✓ Photograph the damage to your property in order to assist in filing an insurance claim.



## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

[National Hurricane Center](#)

FEMA

[How to Prepare For A Hurricane](#)

READY.GOV

[Plan Ahead For Disasters](#)

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