

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

It's critical for homeowners to stay tuned in to their local weather forecast, as this is the peak season for tropical storms and hurricanes. These dangerous and destructive weather systems often produce high-force winds, heavy rain, and tornadoes.

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM HURRICANE DAMAGE?

Install

Hurricane-resistant exterior doors, and put storm shutters or plywood panels, approved for wind pressure and impact protection, on all windows.

Seal

Windows, doors, and any holes coming through your exterior walls for pipes, cable, and electrical wiring with high-quality urethane-based caulk.

Anchor

Loose rain gutters and downspouts, posts supporting your porch and other attached structures, and outdoor grills and lawn furniture if they cannot be brought inside.

Remove

Damaged trees and gravel, rock, and other heavy landscaping materials that could become dangerous projectiles, and cut any limbs that could fall on your home.

THREE HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS:

- 1 Map out a primary evacuation route based on your city or county's emergency plan but be aware of other roads and highways that you can use to drive to safety in case the main route is blocked.
- 2 Create a home inventory of all belongings, which can make the claims process easier if you have a loss. This article may help you get started: <https://www.iii.org/article/how-create-home-inventory>.
- 3 Review your insurance coverage with your independent agent to make sure you have enough coverage to rebuild your home back to its original condition after a hurricane disaster.

If your home is damaged by a storm, please report your loss to your independent agent. For emergencies that occur after hours or on weekends, call our claims team at 800-225-0770 for assistance.

DON'T PUT OFF BUILDING AN EMERGENCY KIT

AVOID STORM-RELATED CHAOS BY STOCKING UP ON EMERGENCY ITEMS TODAY. THE FOLLOWING LIST IS A GOOD STARTING POINT FOR BUILDING A HURRICANE EMERGENCY KIT.



ONE GALLON OF WATER
PER HOUSEHOLD
MEMBER PER DAY



AT LEAST A THREE-DAY
SUPPLY OF
NONPERISHABLE FOOD



CAN OPENER



TOILET PAPER



ADHESIVE AND
GAUZE BANDAGES,
PADS, AND TAPE



HYDROGEN PEROXIDE
AND ANTIBACTERIAL
OINTMENT



ASPIRIN, IBUPROFEN,
OR ACETAMINOPHEN



ANTIBACTERIAL HAND
SANITIZER, SOAP, AND
HAND WIPES



INSECT REPELLENT



FLASHLIGHT, HEADLAMP,
AND AA, AAA, AND
D BATTERIES



BATTERY-POWERED
RADIO, PHONE CHARGER,
AND CANDLES



MATCHES, LIGHTERS,
OR WATERPROOF
FIRESTARTER



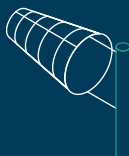
PORTABLE WATERPROOF
CONTAINER FOR
IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS



A CHANGE OF
CLOTHING FOR EACH
FAMILY MEMBER

DID YOU KNOW?

A hurricane watch is given when sustained winds of 74 mph or greater are possible, and a hurricane warning is given when sustained winds of 74 mph or greater are expected.



DID YOU KNOW?

A typical hurricane brings at least 6 to 12 inches of rainfall and are generally heaviest with slower moving storms.



DID YOU KNOW?

A tropical storm is characterized by sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph, and a hurricane is categorized by winds of 74 mph or greater.



Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's "Hurricane Basics".

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