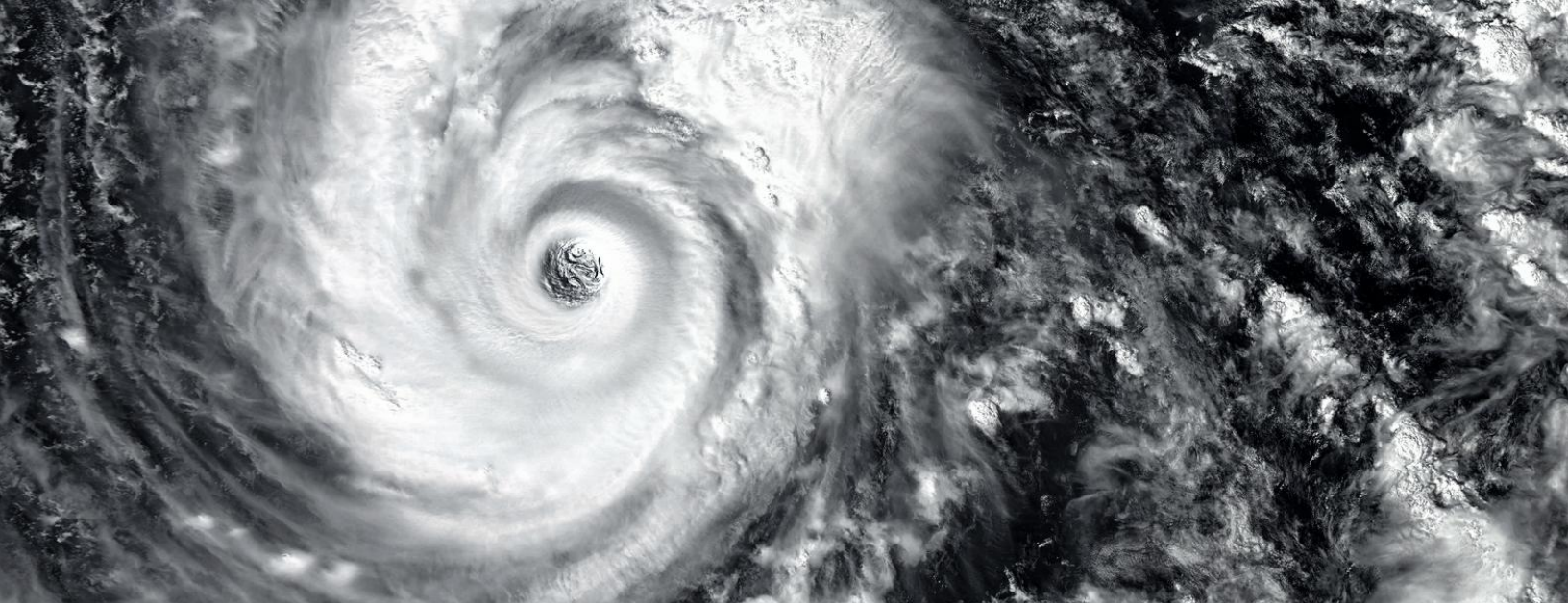


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Hurricane Preparedness Guide



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Hurricanes are powerful and potentially devastating weather events. Proper preparation can help ensure your safety and minimize damage to your property. This guide provides essential steps to prepare for the 2025 hurricane season.

**The Tropics are
expected to be Active!**

Get Ready!



1. Stay Informed

- Monitor Weather Updates: Regularly check weather forecasts and updates from trusted sources such as the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and local news.
- Sign Up for Alerts: Enroll in emergency alert systems to receive real-time information about hurricanes and severe weather.

2. Create an Emergency Plan

- Family Communication Plan: Establish a plan for communicating with family members during a hurricane. Choose a meeting spot and ensure everyone knows how to reach it.
- Evacuation Plan: Identify your evacuation route and destination. Familiarize yourself with local evacuation shelters.
- Special Needs: Make special arrangements for elderly family members, infants, and pets.

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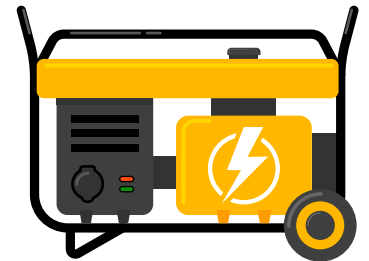
3. Assemble an Emergency Kit

- Basic Supplies: Include water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days), non-perishable food, a manual can opener, and utensils.
- First Aid Kit: Stock up on bandages, antiseptic, medications, and other medical essentials.
- Tools and Supplies: Flashlights, batteries, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, multi-purpose tools, and duct tape.
- Personal Items: Important documents (ID, insurance papers, medical records), cash, clothing, and hygiene products.
- Electronics: Portable chargers and extra batteries for your mobile devices.



4. Prepare Your Home

- Secure Windows and Doors: Install storm shutters or board up windows with plywood. Reinforce garage doors.
- Outdoor Items: Bring in outdoor furniture, decorations, and garbage cans that could become projectiles.
- Flood Protection: Clear gutters and drains. Consider installing sump pumps and flood barriers if you're in a flood-prone area.
- Backup Power: Have a generator ready for power outages, but ensure it's used safely to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.



Are you ready?

5. Review Insurance Policies

- Coverage Check: Review your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy to understand what is covered. Consider additional flood insurance if needed.
- Document Assets: Take photos or videos of your property and possessions for insurance claims.

6. During the Storm

- Stay Indoors: Remain inside a secure building and avoid windows. Stay in an interior room or a designated storm shelter.
- Power Safety: Turn off utilities if instructed. Avoid using electrical appliances and stay away from flooded areas.

7. After the Storm

- Stay Alert: Continue to listen to weather updates and emergency instructions. Avoid driving unless necessary.
- Safety Checks: Check for structural damage, gas leaks, and electrical issues in your home.
- Emergency Contacts: Contact family and friends to let them know you are safe. Report power outages and damage to local authorities.

8. Community Involvement

- Stay Connected: Engage with your community to share resources and support each other during and after the storm.
- Volunteer: Assist local organizations in disaster response and recovery efforts.

Conclusion

Preparedness is key to surviving and recovering from a hurricane. By taking these steps, you can protect yourself, your family, and your property during the 2024 hurricane season. Stay safe and informed.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



Key Supplies



- Flashlights & Lanterns
- Battery Operated Radio
- Extra Batteries
- Matches
- First Aid Kit & Medications
- Fire Extinguisher
- Garbage Bags
- Duct Tape
- Extra Clothes/Rain Gear
- Extra Blankets
- Gloves
- Tool Kit
- Evacuation Plan
- Cash
- Cell phone chargers

House Checklist



- Remove Outdoor Items
- Trim Dead Limbs & Branches
- Board Up Windows
- Move Furniture Away From Windows
- Store Important Documents In Waterproof Containers
- Fill Up Extra Gas Cans
- Extra Supply of Meds
- Have Sandbags Ready
- Store An Ax in Attic

Food & Water



Pack non-perishable food for each person for 3-7 days

- Bottled Water
- Bottled Juice & Soft Drinks
- Two Coolers (one for drinks & one for food)
- Canned Goods & Can Opener

Baby & Children



- Formula
- Extra Bottles
- Non-Perishable Baby Food
- Diapers & Wipes
- Extra Clothes & Blankets
- Medications

Prepare Pets



- Water & Non-Perishable Food
- Have Crate/Carrier Ready
- Leash, Collar, and/or Harness & Pet Tags
- Updated Shots & Medical Records
- Microchip Up-To-Date
- Pet Medications

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