

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

BEFORE THE STORM

- Assess your risk.** Understand your home and area's hurricane vulnerability.
- Create an evacuation plan.** Choose escape routes, locate shelters, and practice your plan.
- Assemble a preparedness kit.** Gather essentials like food, water, first aid supplies, and personal items.
- Inventory your home.** Document belongings and review insurance coverage.
- Help prevent flooding.** Consider adding flood insurance, installing flood barriers, and waterproofing your home.
- Regularly inspect your home.** Complete maintenance on your roof, gutters, windows, and secure outdoor items.

DURING THE STORM

- Secure your home.** Close and secure windows and doors, unplug electronics, and move valuables to higher ground.
- Follow evacuation orders.** If instructed to evacuate, take your preparedness kit and follow your evacuation plan to a designated safe space.
- Stay informed.** Monitor weather updates and follow local authorities' guidance.
- Protect yourself.** If you're riding out the storm, stay indoors, away from windows, and avoid driving during severe weather.

AFTER THE STORM

- Wait for safety confirmation.** If you evacuated, do not return home until authorities deem it safe.
- Be aware of potential hazards.** Avoid damaged areas, watch for downed power lines, and be cautious of flooding.
- Inspect your home.** Assess for damage, take photos, and document any injuries.
- Contact your insurance company.** File a claim for covered damages.
- Seek professional help.** If you filed a claim, your insurance provider will work with you to complete repairs through a certified professional.