

6 Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

♣Gutters & Roofline

- o Fix and clear gutters and downspouts to help prevent water damage.
- o Trim tree limbs that touch or hang near the roofline.

Storm Panels & Windows

- o Make sure storm panels are clearly labeled.
- Inspect all storm panels, screws and tracks—replace any that are missing, rusted, or stripped.

■ Windows and Doors

- Review for proper caulking and paint.
- o Ensure exterior of ALL doors are not obstructed for emergency egress.
- o Ensure all windows and doors are properly functioning and unblocked for egress.

Generator Readiness

- o Run generator now to confirm it's working properly.
- Change oil and check fuel supply.
- Proper extension cords and length.
- WARNING: Never run generators on the interior of the home, garage, attic or near open windows or doors.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- o Replace all batteries
- Make sure both Smoke and Carbon monoxide detectors are present and in the required locations. Referred to local building codes for requirements.
- o Replace all detectors are 8+ years old or older.



Emergency Supplies

- Stock canned food, pet food, water, flashlights, and batteries.
- Secure extra fuel in safe containers.
- Weather radio.
- Two weeks supply of medication.
- First aid kit.
- o Cash on hand.

- Have an evacuation route mapped and practiced.
- o Fill up all cars with gas and check tire pressures.
- o Store important documents in a waterproof container.
- o Take updated photos/videos of your property and belongings for insurance claims.
- o Include clothes, toiletries, food, and water for at least 3 days.

🏗 Additional Home Prep

- o Identify all shut off valves and switches for electrical, gas and water.
- Inspect garage door bracing and reinforcements (if not hurricane rated).
- o Secure or bring inside outdoor furniture, grills, and secure play sets.
- Review homeowner's and flood insurance policies.
- o Clean and fill up bathtubs for extra water to either drink or flush toilet with.

Remember to always check with your local and state authorities for other requirements and ideas to help keep your home and love ones prepared.

Stay Safe!

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