

# Hurricane Preparedness

Use this essential checklist to prepare for any storm risk to make sure you and your family have the resources to stay safe.

## OUTDOOR FURNITURE

Store and secure all outdoor furniture, decorations, and plants that can become projectiles with heavy wind.



## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Protect important documents in a safe place such as birth certificates, insurance information, important contacts, cash and credit cards.



## TREES & SHRUBS

Trim trees and shrubs that can become loose during the storm.

Clean out gutters and downspouts to keep extra water away from the house.



## CELLPHONES



Make sure all phones are charged before the storm in case of an emergency.

Invest in a solar charger or power bank for occasions without power.

## BATHTUBS

Fill bathtubs and other containers with water prior to the storm for bathing, flushing toilets, and other needs when water becomes unavailable.



## REFRIGERATORS



Set the fridge and freezer to their coldest setting before the storm in case of a power outage.

Only open the fridge when needed to keep food cold.

## GAS

Make sure cars are filled with gas when tropical storms are announced in case you need to leave at moment's notice.

Evacuations can cause long lines and shortages at gas stations.



## FOOD & WATER

Store enough drinking water and nonperishable food in a high and dry place to avoid flood water.

You should have 1 gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days. Don't forget the pets!



## PERSONAL HYGIENE

Keep personal hygiene products like hygiene wipes and hand sanitizer handy to stay clean.

Also, have cleaning products like bleach to clean flooded surfaces from mold and mildew.



## FLASHLIGHTS

Keep light sources like flashlights and lanterns close in case of power outages.



Stock up on batteries for flashlights and other small appliances.

## DOORS & WINDOWS

Secure all openings like windows and doors by making sure they are closed and locked.



Cover windows and doors with hurricane shutters or plywood to keep flying debris from entering the house.

## MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Keep a first-aid kit handy in case of injury when medical assistance is not immediately available.

Do not forget to have medication in a safe place for family members with specific medical needs.



### CATEGORY

1

74-95 MPH WINDS  
MINIMAL DAMAGE  
4-5 FT STORM SURGE

### CATEGORY

2

96-110 MPH WINDS  
MODERATE DAMAGE  
6-8 FT STORM SURGE

### CATEGORY

3

111-130 MPH WINDS  
EXTENSIVE DAMAGE  
9-12 FT STORM SURGE

### CATEGORY

4

131-155 MPH WINDS  
EXTREME DAMAGE  
13-18 FT STORM SURGE

### CATEGORY

5

155+ MPH WINDS  
CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE  
19+ FT STORM SURGE



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These essential steps can help keep your family safe and **PROTECT YOUR HOME** in the event of a hurricane.