



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Expect More Protection

You should be proactive when it comes to hurricane safety and preparedness. Go on the offensive. Prepare your home as if you know the storm is coming directly toward you. Tens of billions of dollars in damage occurred just from hurricanes in 2020 and 2021.

PREPARATION

- **Understand your coverage** - Review your policy and change endorsements if necessary. Your insurance agent can answer your questions and help you get the coverage you need.
- **Fasten your windows** - Replace your windows with tempered glass if possible and install hurricane shutters. If these options aren't available to you, secure plywood over your windows for the duration of the storm.
- **Trim your trees** - Debris and limbs can crash into your home. Trim your trees and dispose of yard trimmings appropriately. Debris can also clog storm drains leading to flooding.
- **Strengthen your roof** - Hurricane winds can pull roofs off of homes. Use roof straps and clamps to make certain the roof stays fastened to the house.
- **Secure indoor/outdoor items** - Bring large outdoor pieces inside. Remove pictures and curios from the walls. Lock the doors and bar them with heavy furniture or sandbags.

AFTERMATH

- **Maintain an emergency supplies kit** - This should include canned food, protein bars, batteries, solar chargers, first aid kit, and a gallon of water per person, per day.
- **Stay out of flooded areas** - Avoid driving if possible after a storm, but if you must, stay away from high water. Your car could be swept away. If you come into contact with flood water, wash your hands thoroughly as flood water can contain chemicals or even sewage.
- **Never use a wet electrical device** - Unplug all devices if possible. If the power stays out, use battery operated flashlights instead of candles.
- **Never use gas or coal generated devices** - These can cause carbon monoxide poisoning
- **Stay safe** - Keep yourself and your family indoors, and keep the doors locked to protect from looters. Stay tuned to what your local government officials are saying, and never ignore an evacuation order.

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