

# FLORIDA HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

— PLAN AHEAD. PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST. —



Preparation today can protect your home, your family, and **your future.**



## WEEKS BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON

- Review your insurance policies and coverages.
- Take photos and video of your home and belongings.
- Create a home inventory and store it outside your home.
- Trim trees and remove dead branches.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Review your evacuation zone and routes.
- Make a plan for pets and other animals.
- Check your emergency kit and restock supplies.
- Create or review your family communication plan.



## WHEN A STORM IS FORECAST

- Fill your car's gas tank or charge your EV.
- Charge cell phones and backup batteries.
- Fill prescriptions and gather medical supplies.
- Fill bathtubs and sinks with water.
- Bring in or secure outdoor furniture and decor.
- Secure grills, propane tanks, and garbage cans.
- Board windows or install storm shutters if needed.
- Move valuables to a higher level.
- Freeze water in bottles to help keep food cold if the power goes out.



## EMERGENCY KIT ESSENTIALS

Store in an easy-to-carry container.

- Water (1 gallon per person, per day for at least 3 days)
- Non-perishable food (3+ days)
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- First aid kit
- Medications
- Cash (ATMs may not work)
- Power bank / phone charger
- Important documents (in a waterproof bag)
- Pet food and supplies
- Insurance information and policy numbers
- Multi-tool, duct tape, whistle, and plastic sheeting



## DON'T FORGET YOUR HOME

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check that your sump pump is working.
- Inspect your roof and make needed repairs.
- Reinforce garage doors.
- Consider a whole-home generator.
- Review your flood insurance coverage.
- Know where to shut off your water, gas, and electricity.



## AFTER THE STORM

- Ensure it is safe to go outside and return home.
- Avoid downed power lines and floodwaters.
- Take photos and video of any damage.
- Prevent further damage if it is safe to do so.
- Do NOT throw away damaged items.
- Contact your insurance agent to report your claim.
- Keep receipts for temporary repairs and additional living expenses.
- Watch for scams. Work with your insurance company and trusted professionals.

*Stay informed. Stay safe.*

Monitor updates from the National Hurricane Center ([nhc.noaa.gov](http://nhc.noaa.gov)) and your local emergency management.



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Your local Gulf Coast team before, during, and after the storm.



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