

Hurricane Checklist

A before, during and after hurricane checklist to protect your home, supplies and family.

Before: Prepare Your Home

- ☐ Install storm shutters or board up windows with plywood
- ☐ Bring in or secure outdoor furniture, grills and loose items
- ☐ Clear gutters, drains and downspouts of debris
- ☐ Trim trees and remove dead branches near the house
- ☐ Move valuables and electronics to higher floors
 - Helps protect them if flooding reaches the lower level
- ☐ Know how to shut off water, gas and electricity

Before: Stock Supplies

- ☐ Store one gallon of water per person per day for several days
- ☐ Keep a three-day or longer supply of non-perishable food
- ☐ Fill prescriptions and stock a first aid kit
- ☐ Charge phones and power banks and gather flashlights
- ☐ Get cash in small bills in case card systems are down
- ☐ Fill bathtubs and containers with water for cleaning and flushing

Before: Plan to Evacuate

- ☐ Know your evacuation zone and at least two routes out
- ☐ Fuel your vehicles and check tires before roads fill up
- ☐ Pack a go-bag for each person, plus pets and medications
- ☐ Identify pet-friendly shelters or lodging in advance
- ☐ Leave early if an evacuation order is issued

During: Stay Safe Indoors

- ☐ Stay inside, away from windows, skylights and glass doors
- ☐ Shelter in an interior room on the lowest safe floor
- ☐ Keep a battery or hand-crank radio on for official updates
- ☐ Do not go outside during the calm eye of the storm
 - Dangerous winds resume suddenly from the opposite direction
- ☐ Turn off propane and unplug appliances if flooding nears
- ☐ Avoid using candles; use flashlights to prevent fires

After: Assess Safely

- ☐ Wait for the official all-clear before going outside
- ☐ Stay away from downed power lines and report them
- ☐ Never drive or walk through floodwater
- ☐ Check for gas leaks, structural damage and contaminated water
- ☐ Use generators only outdoors, far from windows and doors
- ☐ Document damage with photos and contact your insurer