



WHAT TO DO BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER A HURRICANE

A Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

Before the hurricane

- Make a plan beforehand – will you shelter in place or evacuate?
- Keep all important documents such as insurance papers and birth certificates in a waterproof container and in a secure location.
- Buy a portable, battery-operated radio for if/when the power goes out.
- Monitor instructions from local authorities from your phone, radio, or TV for as long as you have power.
- Set your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest settings and keep the doors closed to help limit food spoilage.

During the hurricane

- If you are sheltering in place, remain inside an interior room with as few windows as possible.
- Keep blinds, curtains, and drapes closed.
- Remember that if the eye of the hurricane passes nearby it can give an illusion that the storm is over before dangerous winds begin again.
- If you are using a portable power generator, be sure to follow proper instructions to prevent shocks, fire, or carbon monoxide poisoning.

After the hurricane

- Do not leave or return to your home until local authorities confirm that it is safe to do so.
- Make temporary repairs of doors and windows, if possible.
- Begin to carefully note damage to support claims to your insurance provider and keep records of any repair expenses.
- Consider enlisting the assistance of a public adjuster to assist with your insurance claim.



FOLLOW THESE TIPS AND STAY SAFE!