

HURRICANE PREP HANDBOOK



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Hurricane Watch

During a hurricane watch, closely monitor the progress of the storm and prepare to take action in case the storm intensifies. Review your hurricane preparedness plan, secure your property, and gather necessary supplies in case a hurricane warning is issued.

Hurricane Warning

When a hurricane warning is in effect, take immediate action to protect yourself and your property. Follow evacuation orders, secure your home, and move to a safe location. It is crucial to complete preparations by this point as conditions can deteriorate rapidly.

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— Create an — EMERGENCY PLAN

EVACUATION

Talk to your household members about how you'll leave home if needed due to an emergency. Your evacuation plan should include a route to take to get to a safe place and a mode of transportation. Also, have a destination in mind. Can you go to a family member's house or the home of a friend? If not, learn the location of the nearest emergency evacuation

MEET UP PLAN

Have designated meet up location if you are separated during an evacuation order.

COMMUNICATION

Make a plan for staying in touch. Make sure everyone in your household has each other's phone numbers written down. Include any other important contacts like your doctor, children's schools, and work places. Also include the contact information of a relative or friend who lives in another town. They can serve as the central contact point if you and your family lose

PETS

Decide who will put your pets in their crates and transport them to the car while you're evacuating. Make sure they're wearing ID tags.

SAFE SPOTS

Determine an ideal location in your home to seek shelter during an emergency event. For example, in the event of a tornado, a small room without windows on the lowest floor of your home is usually the best place to seek shelter.

PREP CHECKLIST

- ☐ Make sure you have adequate home and flood insurance
- ☐ Review your emergency plan with your family
- ☐ Gather supplies (see page 2)
- ☐ Clear your yard of large limbs, outdoor furniture, toys, etc.
- ☐ Clean your gutters
- ☐ Fill your vehicle's tank and generators with gas
- ☐ Secure your windows
- ☐ Place sandbags around your doors
- ☐ Wash all dirty laundry
- ☐ Become familiar with the location your home's shut-off valves in case you need to turn the water or electricity off during a disaster
- ☐ Gather important documents, such as birth certificates and passports, in a waterproof, portable container

Don't forget entertainment!

You may be stuck in the house a while. Make sure you have board games, cards, books, and other items that don't require electricity or internet to keep your family occupied.



SUPPLIES LIST

Have at least a three-day supply of food and other supplies on hand in case you are unable to leave your home or if there are supply chain disruptions.

- Non-perishable foods that do not require refrigeration such as canned meats, fruits, vegetables and protein bars
- Formula, diapers, and other baby items
- Manual can opener
- At least 1 gallon of water per day for each person and pet
- Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates and utensils
- Toiletries like toothpaste, soap, and feminine products
- Disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer
- Battery powered phone chargers
- Extra batteries
- Flashlights
- Fire extinguisher
- Whistle
- Extra cash



FIRST-AID SUPPLIES

- Bandages & Gauze Pads
- Antibacterial Ointments & Wipes
- Burn Creams
- Tweezers & Scissors
- Vinyl or Non-Latex Gloves
- Prescription Medications
- Pain Relievers
- Contact Lenses & Cleaning Solution

FLOOD INSURANCE

Always thoroughly document any damage with videos and time-stamped photos immediately after a disaster.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE

- Contact FEMA for assistance options
- Use the Emergency information listed under helpful contacts

IF YOU HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE

- Make a claim with your insurance carrier & agree to final settlement amount
- Contact FEMA for additional assistance options
- For impacted businesses, contact U.S. Small Business Administration for assistance options
- Create an account at **InsuranceClaimCheck.com** to obtain your settlement funds as quickly as possible

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Insurance Claim Check Info

- www.InsuranceClaimCheck.com
- (888) 528-0454

Small Business Administration

- www.sba.gov/disaster

FEMA

- www.DisasterAssistance.gov
- 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MORTGAGE?

If you've been a victim of a natural disaster, reach out to your local Assurance Financial Loan Officer to see what payment assistance options you have with your current mortgage.



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AssuranceMortgage.com

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