

# Hurricane Preparedness Checklist



## BEFORE THE STORM

Preparing a home and family for a hurricane can feel overwhelming. To help, we recommend you update and have this checklist readily available before the 2024 storm season.

- Review your emergency plans should the power go out to an hour, multiple hours to even days
- Review emergency plans for evacuation
- Identify the safest location in the home to wait out storms
- Identify local shelters
- Check insurance policy/coverage
- Conduct maintenance (or request service) on backup generators
- If you are unable to get maintenance, at least start the generator
- Check the yard and landscaping for any trees that should be trimmed, clear gutters, etc.
- Fill gas cans in the event of an evacuation or to run a portable generator
- Use hurricane shutters or board up windows and doors with 5/8-inch plywood
- Reinforce garage doors
- Bring in outside items if they can be picked up by high winds
- Create communication plan with family members in case of an outage
- Build an emergency kit
- Compile contact information for relevant family members and keep it handy in a wallet or purse
- Create an inventory of your home's contents. Store in waterproof container or plastic sleeve
- If you have a diesel generator, make sure to top of the fuel tank

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