

Hurricane Season Preparedness Checklist

Stay Ready. Stay Powered.

1. Secure Your Backup Power

- Test your generator — make sure it starts and runs smoothly.
- Check fuel supply (gas, propane, or diesel) and store safely.
- For solar generators, fully charge all battery banks.
- Keep extra extension cords and heavy-duty surge protectors.
- Store generator oil, spark plugs, and maintenance tools.

2. Stock Essential Supplies

- Drinking water — at least 1 gallon per person per day for 7 days.
- Non-perishable food (canned goods, dry snacks, ready-to-eat meals).
- Manual can opener.
- First aid kit with extra prescription medications.
- Flashlights and headlamps (with spare batteries).
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio.

3. Protect Important Documents

- Store insurance policies, IDs, and medical records in a waterproof container.
- Take photos of your home and belongings for insurance purposes.
- Save important phone numbers in both your phone and on paper.

4. Prepare Your Home

- Trim trees and remove loose branches.
- Secure outdoor furniture, grills, and decorations.
- Check shutters or plywood for boarding windows.
- Clear gutters and drains to reduce flooding risk.

5. Plan for Evacuation

- Know your local evacuation routes.
- Keep your car gas tank at least half full during hurricane season.
- Pack a “ go bag ” with clothes, toiletries, medications, and chargers.
- Make arrangements for pets — shelters don ’ t always allow them.

6. Stay Informed

- Download local emergency management and weather apps.
- Sign up for community alerts.
- Keep a portable phone charger or power bank ready.

■ **Pro Tip:** Don't wait for the storm warning — check this list in May so you're ready before hurricane season even starts.