Hurricane Basic Preparedness Tips

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October. The Eastern Pacific hurricane season begins May 15 and ends November 30.



- [ ] Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where you can stay. Contact your local emergency management agency for more i
- [ ] Put together a go-bag: disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, medications, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate
- [ ] If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate and you decide to stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave du
- [ ] Make a family emergency communication plan https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.
- [ ] Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. You can do this by searching on the internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts".

Preparing Your Home

- [ ] Hurricane winds can cause trees and branches to fall, so before hurricane season trim or remove damaged trees and limbs to keep you and your property safe.
- [ ] Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts and clear any clogged areas or debris to prevent water damage to your property.
- [ ] Reduce property damage by retrofitting to secure and reinforce the roof, windows and doors, including the garage doors.
- [ ] Purchase a portable generator or install a generator for use during power outages. Remember to keep generators and other alternate power/heat sources outside, at least 20 feet away from windows and do
- [ ] Consider building a FEMA safe room https://www.fema.gov/safe-rooms or ICC 500 storm shelter designed for protection from high-winds and in locations above flooding levels.

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