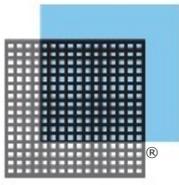


Coastal Storm Preparedness Guide

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Coastal storms can bring multiple dangers; high winds, storm surge, wind-borne debris, flooding and tornadoes.

Being prepared is your best defense. Armed with the necessary information and supplies, you and your home will have the best chance of weathering the storm.



Further Coastal Storm Resources

OneStorm™ : personalized hurricane plan center, an excellent resource for a plan tailored directly to your family:
www.onestorm.org

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hurricane Center preparedness website:

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/disaster_prevention.shtml

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hurricane preparedness website:

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/>

Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) disaster preparedness site:
www.disastersafety.org

American Red Cross hurricane preparedness website:

www.redcross.org

Follow link *Preparing and Getting Trained to Preparedness Fast Facts*

Before the storm

Prepare Your Home:

- Install hurricane rated shutters for all windows and doors. The most important precaution you can take to reduce damage to your home and property is to protect the areas where wind can enter.
- Remove any dead branches from trees and shrubs. These can act as dangerous wind-borne debris.
- Improve roof connections and make sure shingles are well-attached.

Prepare Your Family:

- Make a emergency plan for all members of the family, including pets. Keep in mind that most shelters will not accept animals.
- Create a disaster kit that is easily accessible and filled with items you will need if evacuation is called for.
- Review your insurance policy and keep in a watertight container.
- Keep a two week supply of medication for everyone and pets at all times.



Storm on the Horizon

- Install/close storm shutters. If these are not available, use minimum 7/16" plywood for a maximum span of 8'. For fastening details, please refer to ICB Code 1609.1.2. This can be found at www.stormsolutionsusa.com in the Brochures tab.
- Pay close attention to weather updates and alerts:
 - Hurricane WATCH: An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are *possible* within the specified coastal area within 48 hours.
 - Hurricane WARNING: An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are *expected* somewhere within the specified coastal area within 36 hours.
- Activate your emergency plan. Prepare emergency water storage, remove loose objects from the yard, anchor objects you can not move inside, turn refrigerator and freezer to coolest setting, opening only when necessary. Move patio furniture inside.
- Go over your evacuation plan with your family and make sure routes have not been changed since you made your plan.
- If an evacuation is issued:
 - Leave extra time to get to your destination.
 - Unplug appliances and turn off the gas, electricity and water in your home before you leave.
 - Bring the supplies you assembled as your disaster kit.

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Make a list and check it twice...

Make sure you have all of the necessary supplies and household items *before* the storm hits.



- **Water** - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- **Food** - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
 - non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
 - foods for infants, elderly and pets
 - non-electric can opener
 - cooking tools / fuel
 - paper plates / plastic utensils
- **Blankets / Pillows, etc.**
- **Maps of the area**
- **Camera:** take pictures of damage for insurance purposes if area is safe
- **Clothing** - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- **First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs**
- **Special Items** - for babies and the elderly
- **Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes**
- **Flashlight / Batteries**
- **Duct tape** bath tub drains closed and fill with water
- **Reuse computer UPS** for rechargeable flash light, cell phone and radio
- **Radio** - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- **Telephones** - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- **Cash** (with some small bills) and **Credit Cards** - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- **Keys**
- **Toys, Books and Games**
- **Important documents** - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag
 - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, social security card, etc.
 - Family and emergency contact information
- **Tools** - keep a set with you during the storm
- **Vehicle and Generator fuel tanks** filled
- **Pet care items:**
 - proper identification / immunization records / medications
 - leash
 - ample supply of food and water
 - a carrier or cage

Hurricane season for the Atlantic Basin is June 1st to November 30th. The peak of the season is from mid-August to late October.