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# Hurricane Checklist

What to do before, during, and after a storm.

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## Hurricane Watch vs Hurricane Warning

Two different alerts. Each one means something different and asks you to do different things. Read across the columns below.



IF THERE'S A...

### Hurricane Watch

**MEANS**

Storm conditions are **POSSIBLE**. Usually about **48 hours** before strong winds could begin. **Get ready.**

**WHAT TO DO**

- Prepare your home and review your **evacuation route**.
- Pack **go bags** and check supplies, batteries, chargers, and the radio.
- Refill medicine, fuel the car, charge **power banks**.
- Bring outdoor items inside or secure them.
- Watch for instructions from **local officials**.
- Move **earlier** if anyone needs extra time (medical, transport, pets, access).
- Kids:** pack a comfort bag with a book, headphones, stuffed animal, and snack.

**GET STARTED**

Begin prepping now, before the storm gets close.



IF THERE'S A...

### Hurricane Warning

**MEANS**

Storm conditions are **EXPECTED**. Usually about **36 hours** before strong winds could begin. **Act now.**

**WHAT TO DO**

- Finish prep** right away. Stay off roads unless evacuating.
- If officials issue an **evacuation order**, leave as told.
- If staying, go to your **safest room**, away from windows.
- Charge phones; have flashlights ready (not candles).
- Text** updates instead of calling. This saves battery and eases jams.
- Listen for alerts on a battery radio or phone.
- Kids:** stay close to your grown-up. Use calming activities.

**TIME TO ACT**

Finish prep and follow officials right away.

● Use local emergency alerts and follow instructions from local officials.



# Hurricane Checklist

The full storm timeline: before, during, and after.



## The storm timeline

what to do at each stage

### 1 Before hurricane season

PLAN AHEAD



- Review your **family plan** and local **evacuation zone**.
- Build your kit and go bag; check batteries, flashlights, chargers, and radio.
- Take photos/video of your home and review insurance or rental documents.
- Learn where to get official forecasts: **National Weather Service**, local emergency management, and school alerts.

### 2 Storm possible: 5 to 7 days out

WATCH THE SKY



- Follow official updates **twice a day**; avoid rumor-sharing.
- Refill prescriptions, fuel the car if applicable, and charge **power banks**.
- Bring in outdoor items or plan how to secure them.
- Confirm **family contact, pickup, pet, and accessibility plans**.

### 3 During the storm

STAY CALM, STAY INSIDE



- Stay inside, away from windows, glass doors, and floodwater.
- Do not go outside during the **eye of the storm**. Dangerous winds may return quickly.
- Keep phones charged, use flashlights instead of candles, and listen for alerts.
- Students:** stay with your trusted adult and use calming activities while you wait.

### 4 After the storm

WAIT FOR THE ALL-CLEAR



- Wait for officials to say it is safe before going outside or returning home.
- Avoid floodwater, downed power lines, damaged buildings, and debris.
- Use generators only outside, at least **20 feet** from doors, windows, and vents.
- Take photos of damage before cleanup, and ask for help if anyone feels unsafe or overwhelmed.

### What *not* to do



- Don't drive through floodwater.
- Don't use a generator indoors, in a garage, on a porch, or near openings.
- Don't use social-media rumors as your main alert source.
- Don't ignore evacuation orders or school-closure instructions.

● Use local emergency alerts and follow instructions from local officials.