

How to Prepare Your Home for Hurricane Season

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Preparing your home for hurricane season is a critical step in protecting your family and property. This fact sheet provides essential information on how to prepare your home for the upcoming hurricane season. It covers topics such as inspecting your roof, securing outdoor items, and protecting your windows.

Inspecting your roof is one of the most important steps in preparing your home for hurricane season. A damaged roof can lead to water damage and structural issues. It is recommended that you have a professional inspect your roof before the season begins. If you notice any damage, such as missing shingles or loose tiles, repair them immediately.

FEMA also provides resources for homeowners to learn more about preparing their homes. Visit <https://inspecttoprotect.org/> for more information on how to inspect your home for potential hazards.

For more information on how to prepare your home for hurricane season, visit <https://www.fema.gov>.

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- **Secure outdoor items.** Outdoor furniture, grills, and other items can become projectiles during a storm. Move them to a safe location or secure them properly.
- **Protect your windows.** Windows are vulnerable to damage from flying debris and high winds. Use storm shutters or board up your windows with plywood.
- **Check your gutters.** Clogged gutters can cause water to back up and damage your roof or foundation. Clean your gutters before the season begins.
- **Secure your pool.** If you have a swimming pool, cover it with a sturdy pool cover to prevent debris from falling in and to reduce evaporation.
- **Check your insurance.** Make sure you have adequate insurance coverage for your home and property. Review your policy and contact your agent if you have any questions.
- **Prepare an emergency kit.** Gather supplies such as food, water, first aid kit, and flashlights in case you need to evacuate.
- **Stay informed.** Follow local news and weather reports for the latest information on hurricane season.



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