Hurricane Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Before a Hurricane**

☐ **Know where you will go if you have to evacuate.**

☐ **Plan your evacuation route.**

☐ **Have disaster supplies on hand in the event of a storm**

☐ **Make arrangements for pets.**

☐ **Make plans for your boat.**

☐ **Protect valuable documents and property**

☐ **Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.**

☐ **Protect your windows.**

☐ **Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.**

☐ **Check into disaster insurance.**

☐ **Develop an emergency communication plan.**

☐ **Take pictures of your house and property.**

☐ **During a Hurricane Watch**

☐ **Listen to local radio or television stations for hurricane progress reports and emergency orders.**

☐ **Check to be sure you have emergency supplies.**

☐ **Fill all your cars with fuel.**

☐ **If you have not already done so, stock up on water, non-perishable food, water and ice.**

☐ **Bring in all outdoor objects like lawn furniture, toys, garden tools, etc.**

☐ **Secure buildings by closing shutters and/or boarding up windows**

*Remove outside antennas.*

☐ **Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings**

*Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.*

☐ **Fill bathtubs, washing machines, sinks and other containers with clean water.**

☐ **Review evacuation plan.**

☐ **Moor boat securely or move it to a designated safe place**

*Use rope or chain to secure boat to trailer. Use tie downs to anchor trailer to the ground or house.*

☐ **During a Hurricane Warning**

☐ **Listen to local radio and television stations for official instructions.**

☐ **Get to shelter.**

☐ **If you are in a mobile home, check tie downs, then evacuate immediately to a safe location.**

☐ **Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.**

☐ **Avoid elevators.**

☐ **If evacuating**

☐ **Leave as soon as possible, avoiding flooded roads.**

☐ **Unplug all appliances.**

☐ **Take emergency supplies and warm protective clothing.**

☐ **Take your valuables with you.**

☐ **Take your cellular phone and battery pack for recharging.**

☐ **After the Hurricane**

☐ **If you evacuated, return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so.**

☐ **If you evacuated, and your house has been vacant for a period of time, enter with caution.**

☐ **Stay tuned to local radio and/or television for information.**

☐ **Help injured or trapped persons.**

☐ **Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately if possible to the power company, police, or fire department.**

☐ **Beware of snakes, insects, and animals driven to higher ground by flood water.**

☐ **Check gas, electrical and water lines for damage.**

☐ **Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.**

☐ **Check refrigerated foods for spoilage.**

☐ **Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.**

☐ **Use telephone only for emergency calls.**

☐ **Take pictures of the damage for insurance claims.**