

2021 Hurricane Safety Checklist



HURRICANCE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



Food and Supplies for Severe Weather

No one wants to think about a hurricane, tornado, or other major storm system visiting your area, but it's better to be prepared to protect your home and family. With this checklist, you can ensure you have the necessary materials on hand at home.

KEY SUPPLIES

- Water -1 gallon per 1 person per day. For a family of 4 for 5 days, you need 20 gallons. Save water in a bathtub for basic sanitation and dishwashing, but do not drink this water.
- First Aid Kit -Band-Aids, bandages, antibiotic ointment, bleach and a medicine dropper so you can create water disinfectant (6 drops of bleach for every 1 gallon of water), hand sanitizer, any necessary medications, hygiene products, and baby products.
- Flashlight -1 flashlight per family member and the correct size of extra batteries.
- Tool Kit -A basic set of tools: hammer, nails, screws, screwdriver, pliers, and knife.
- Sanitation Products -Toilet paper, moist towelettes, and plastic garbage bags in different sizes. You need to keep waste away from your family and other supplies until local services like water and trash have been restored.



FOOD

Your family needs to accumulate at least a five-day supply of nonperishable food that requires no refrigeration and little preparation.

This includes:

- Dry cereal
- Canned goods: fruit, vegetables, juice, soups, meats, pasta, beans
- Nuts
- Peanut butter
- Bread
- Crackers
- Granola and energy bars
- Un-refrigerated fruit: bananas, apples, oranges
- Pet food
- Baby food and bottles
- Rice and pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Seasoning
- Oats



OTHER ITEMS

- Rain gear
- Paper towels
- Plastic sheeting
- Rape
- Duct Tape
- Garbage bags
- Aluminum foil
- Mosquito repellent
- Grill
- Charcoal
- Lighter
- Lighter fluid
- Cash
- Manual can opener
- Large sealable bags to store important documents
- At least ONE fully-charged cellular phone
- Strike anywhere matches
- Resealable sandwich bags
- Hand sanitizer
- Dish soap
- Paper plates and cups
- Plastic utensils
- Pet leash, collar, food bowls and carrier
- Baby diapers, wipes and rash ointment



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The Complete Water Damage Restoration Checklist for Your Home

After severe water damage, you have to act fast to prevent your property from suffering permanent damage. In fact, mold growth can start within just 24 to 48 hours. With this in mind, follow these tips to restore your home and get life back to normal:

- 1. Turn off your water main.** If possible, turn off the water in your home. This minimizes flooding and prevents your house from suffering additional damage.
- 2. Turn off your power.** The last thing you need to worry about is electrical hazards in standing water. Turn off all power to your house to keep your family safe.
- 3. Start to remove water as soon as possible.** Homes can bounce back surprisingly well after water damage, but you must remove the water quickly. With this in mind, employ a sump pump or dehumidifier as soon as it's safe to do so.
- 4. Utilize fans and floor dryers.** Once you've restored electricity to your house, pull out all of your stand-up and box fans. Position them around the house to speed up drying. You can also rent floor dryers and large, industrial-strength fans from a local flood remediation company.
- 5. Pick up wet carpeting.** If you have area rugs and pads throughout your home, get them up off the floor to prevent further damage and speed up the drying process.
- 6. Contact an emergency restoration company.** You should not attempt to repair all water damage on your own. Instead, contact your local water damage restoration specialist for a comprehensive water damage restoration service that will clean and dry your property. They will be able to stop water seepage, identify the source of the moisture, and remove excess water. Additionally, restoration professionals will help you catch any hidden issues and resolve them before they become expensive structural fixes.

3 Things Not to do

Now that you know what steps to take following water damage, here are a few things you should not do:

- 1. Do not get near standing water** if your home's electricity is still turned on. Even if you don't see an electrical hazard lurking in a pool of standing water, this is an incredibly dangerous environment. Avoid it at all costs.
- 2. Don't use your household vacuum cleaner to remove water.** It's okay to use a wet/dry vacuum cleaner to suck up excess water from carpets and flooring, but you should never use your typical household vacuum cleaner. Doing so puts you at risk of electrocution.
- 3. Do not use your overhead lights.** If you have water damage in the ceiling, from an upper-level bathroom leak – for example, do not engage your overhead lights. This could cause more damage. It is also a fire risk.

Contact our Water Damage Restoration Technicians for Comprehensive, Reliable Service. Nobody wants to experience water damage in their home. Unfortunately, that's precisely what happens to thousands of homeowners each year. If you need emergency restoration or mold remediation services in Central Florida, look no further than Innova Restoration.

Our team of skilled disaster recovery technicians will help you identify the source of the damage and take any action needed to prevent mold and further problems in your house. Contact us today to learn more about our water damage cleanup services or to get your free quote.

