



Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

1 COMMUNICATION

- Maintain contact information for all employees, clients, and vendors.
- Utilize alert systems for updates.
- Designate a single contact point during evacuation.
- Consider redirecting phone lines to mobile or backup services.
- Notify key team members post-storm.

2 BEFORE THE STORM

- Stay informed through local media and government updates.
- Establish evacuation routes and backup data storage.
- Protect vital records and install windstorm protection.
- Secure outdoor items and equipment.
- Turn off non-essential devices and check uninterruptible power supply integrity.
- Inspect and repair drains, gutters, and roof-mounted equipment.
- Ensure employee supplies, cash on hand, and first aid resources.
- Identify CPR and EMT certified employees.
- Fill water and fuel tanks, remove goods from floors, and shut off gas/electrical supplies.
- Maintain remote website access and review shelter-in-place and communication plans.

Protect your business and employees this hurricane season with expert guidance and proactive planning. Follow this checklist to stay prepared, and count on ATI Restoration's licensed professionals for 24/7 emergency response — before, during, and after the storm.

Hurricane Categories

It's important to understand the potential damage of each hurricane category to gauge the needed preparedness and precautions.

CATEGORY 1

Wind Speed

74 - 95 mph
(119 - 153 km/h)

Storm Surge

4 - 5 feet
above normal

Potential Damage

Unanchored structures (like temporary kiosks) and landscaping may suffer damage. Minor flooding could affect coastal road access and piers.

CATEGORY 2

Wind Speed

96 - 110 mph
(154 - 177 km/h)

Storm Surge

6 - 8 feet
above normal

Potential Damage

Moderate damage. Roof, window, and door damage likely. Poorly built signs and outdoor assets affected. Coastal businesses may face flooding and pier damage.

CATEGORY 3

Wind Speed

111 - 129 mph
(178 - 209 km/h)

Storm Surge

9 - 12 feet
above normal

Potential Damage

Significant structural damage. Small commercial buildings may sustain major roof and wall damage. Large signs may collapse. Power outages and downed trees can disrupt operations.

CATEGORY 4

Wind Speed

130 - 156 mph
(119 - 153 km/h)

Storm Surge

13 - 18 feet
above normal

Potential Damage

Severe damage. Extensive structural failure to business properties near shorelines. Lower floors of waterfront buildings may flood. Roofs may be completely torn off, and signage destroyed.

CATEGORY 5

Wind Speed

157 mph or higher
(249 km/h)

Storm Surge

19 feet or higher
above normal

Potential Damage

Catastrophic business loss. Widespread structural failure; small buildings leveled and major inventory and equipment loss.

3 DURING THE STORM

- Follow all safety measures, including evacuation orders by authorities.
- Ensure personnel are in safe locations.
- Monitor essential equipment and turn off switches during power failures.

4 AFTER THE STORM

- Continue monitoring local media for safety updates.
- Wait for area clearance before entering and secure the site.
- Arrange for security if necessary and watch for road closures.
- Survey for safety hazards and call in key personnel and contractors for repairs.
- Initiate salvage efforts promptly.
- Notify insurance and recovery services of losses.

