



Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

Safeguard your home and loved ones this hurricane season with expert tips and proactive preparation. Use this checklist to stay ready, and rely on ATI Restoration's licensed professionals for 24/7 emergency support — before, during, and after the storm.

1 COMMUNICATION

- Keep contact information for family, neighbors, and emergency services handy.
- Stay updated through local media and alerts.

2 BEFORE THE STORM

- Monitor storm progress through local media and official updates.
- Plan evacuation routes and secure important documents.
- Protect windows with shutters or plywood.
- Secure outdoor items and equipment.
- Turn off non-essential devices and check battery-powered devices.
- Ensure emergency supplies, cash, and first aid kits are stocked.
- Identify household members with medical training.
- Fill water containers and gas tanks for generators.
- Elevate or protect valuable items from potential flooding.
- Turn off gas and electrical supplies if advised.

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

Primarily affects unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery, and trees. Some coastal road flooding and minor pier damage may occur.

CATEGORY 2

Wind Speed

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

Storm Surge

6 - 8 feet
above normal

Potential Damage

Roofing, door, and window damage to buildings. Considerable damage to shrubbery, trees, mobile homes, poorly constructed signs, and piers.

CATEGORY 3

Wind Speed

111 - 129 mph
(178 - 208 km/h)

Storm Surge

9 - 12 feet
above normal

Potential Damage

Structural damage to small residences and utility buildings. Foliage blown off trees and large trees blown down. Mobile homes may be destroyed.

CATEGORY 4

Wind Speed

130 - 156 mph
(209 - 251 km/h)

Storm Surge

13 - 18 feet
above normal

Potential Damage

Extensive damage to doors, windows, and lower floors of shoreline houses. Total roof failures on small residences. Shrubs, trees, and signs blown down. Mobile home completely destroyed.

CATEGORY 5

Wind Speed

157 mph or higher
(252 km/h)

Storm Surge

19 feet or higher
above normal

Potential Damage

Complete roof and some building failures; small utility buildings blown away; severe window and door damage; mobile homes destroyed.

3 DURING THE STORM

- Stay indoors and away from windows.
- Keep a battery-powered radio for updates.
- Use flashlights instead of candles if power goes out.
- Seek shelter in a designated safe area within the home.

4 AFTER THE STORM

- Continue monitoring local media for safety updates.
- Wait for authorities to declare the area safe before venturing out.
- Survey property for damage and hazards.
- Check on neighbors and offer assistance if safe to do so.
- If evacuating, follow designated routes and avoid flooded roads.
- Report any downed power lines or gas leaks immediately.
- Document damage for insurance purposes.
- Begin cleanup and repairs as soon as it's safe.
- Contact insurance company to report damages.

