

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

MAY 4 – MAY 10



Are you prepared?

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK IS A REMINDER FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES TO ASSESS THEIR RISKS AND TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY AHEAD OF HURRICANE SEASON, WHICH RUNS FROM JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30.

The 2024 Atlantic hurricane season was among the most destructive, with estimated damages reaching \$200 billion. Experts predict an above-average 2025 season, with 19 named storms, 9 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher) expected. Review our tips to jumpstart your pre-season preparations:



KNOW YOUR RISK

- Storm surge
- Strong winds
- Tornadoes
- Inland flooding
- Rip currents



BUILD YOUR RESPONSE TEAM

- Insurance/risk manager
- Financial and operations personnel
- Broker and claims advocate
- Restoration companies, general contractors, engineers and other experts
- Forensic accountant



GET EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

- Prepare a supply of nonperishable food, bottled water, medicine, flashlights and, if needed, pet supplies
- Fill your gas tank and refill prescriptions



PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

- Board up windows/doors
- Clear all drains/gutters/downspouts
- Sandbag any area subject to flooding
- Anchor/brace large loose items and elevate smaller items off the floor
- Unplug and wrap all electronic devices in plastic
- Establish plan for protection of electronic and paper files, and store off premises, if possible
- Take photos/videos of your premises inside and out



PLAN YOUR EVACUATION

- Register for updates from the National Weather Service and local alert systems
- Determine if your property is in an evacuation zone, and plan how you will leave and where you will go
- Arrange a communication plan and designate someone as the emergency contact

Visit the National Hurricane Center to stay up to date.

