

Hurricane Readiness Checklist



Take advantage of the calm before the storm to prepare properties for whatever nature may have in store. **Use this checklist to make a plan and stock up on essentials at LowesProSupply.com/Hurricane.**

Don't wait until hurricane season to make a plan

- ☐ Post staff phone numbers and communication protocols
- ☐ Compile resident emergency resources, including after-hours vendor contact numbers
- ☐ Schedule regular testing of radios, flashlights and generators/backup power sources
- ☐ Label shutoffs, critical valves, breaker panels and evacuation routes
- ☐ Define and post clear roles for resident checks, common-area inspections, maintenance responses and supply restocking
- ☐ Educate staff on all of the above

When you're in the path of the hurricane

- ☐ Secure outdoor furniture, signage, loose roofing items and anything that could become wind-borne debris
- ☐ Clear drains and paths of all obstacles
- ☐ Move vulnerable equipment, materials and objects above flood levels
- ☐ Pre-stage sandbags, tarps, pumps and fuel before roads and suppliers are affected
- ☐ Confirm shutoffs, elevator procedures and resident relocation or shelter instructions
- ☐ Charge radios and backup batteries, as power loss often comes before the storm lands
- ☐ As time allows, order additional bottled water, paper products and other essentials in case of shelter-in-place orders or delayed deliveries

When the storm hits, put safety first

- ☐ Keep staff out of dangerous exterior areas
- ☐ Track storm changes, evacuation orders and flooding reports using weather radio or smartphone apps
- ☐ Reserve battery-powered or generator-backed lighting for use only as needed for life safety

In case of flooding:

- ☐ Keep residents away from electrical hazards and standing water
- ☐ Use shutoff valves, barricades and signage to isolate dangerous areas and control resident movement



Respond fast to wind and water damage

- ☐ Secure any unsafe electrical or gas conditions
- ☐ Assess and document damage with PPE, flashlights and moisture meters at the ready
- ☐ Pay special attention to roofs, windows, breezeways and ground-level units for water intrusion
- ☐ Remove standing water quickly and begin dehumidification and mold prevention
- ☐ Replace soaked insulation, damaged drywall and contaminated supplies as needed

Stock up for year-round storm readiness

- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ PPE
- ☐ Respiratory protection
- ☐ Tarps
- ☐ Water bottles
- ☐ Wet cleanup gear

Damage assessment and cleanup essentials

- ☐ Chainsaw
- ☐ Coolers
- ☐ Cutting tools
- ☐ Dehumidifiers
- ☐ Disinfectant
- ☐ Extension cords
- ☐ Fans
- ☐ Flashlights/headlamps
- ☐ Fuel cans
- ☐ Generator oil
- ☐ Generator
- ☐ Leaf blower
- ☐ Moisture meter
- ☐ Mold removers
- ☐ Paper products
- ☐ Rainwear
- ☐ Shovels
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Tie-downs, rope and bungee cords
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ 2-way radios
- ☐ Water pump
- ☐ Weather radio
- ☐ Wet floor signs
- ☐ Wet/dry vac

In addition to potential damage from high winds and debris, hurricanes often trigger floods. **Make sure your property is prepared to protect life and property.**



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