

Your Master Hurricane Preparation Timeline

72 HOURS BEFORE A STORM

- Take a full home inventory and document all of your possessions for insurance purposes. You can use our Home Gallery® App to quickly and easily catalog your belongings with your mobile device.
- Cut down any loose or weak branches from trees or plants on your property. You don't want them falling down in strong winds and damaging your property.
- Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts and clear any clogged areas or debris to prevent water damage to your property.
- Seal up any cracks or holes where wind, pipes, or electrical cables enter your home.
- Replace loose or worn roof shingles. In hurricane conditions, loose shingles are susceptible to blowing off and putting your roof at risk for damage. If you have a satellite dish, consider taking it down, too.
- If you have a pool, leave it uncovered and cut power to the pool equipment. The most significant damage can happen to your pump and motor. Check with your pool supply shop or manufacturer for the best way to prep your specific system.
- Make sure your car's gas tank is full. If your area is evacuated during a hurricane, you may have to drive far distances without access to a gas station.
- Check your tire pressure. Driving on underinflated tires increases your risk of getting a flat tire when driving through post-storm debris, and it also wastes gas.

48 HOURS BEFORE A STORM

- Cover outdoor electrical outlets with duct tape.
- Move outdoor furniture, trash cans, recreational equipment, and loose debris and store them somewhere indoors.
- If you don't have permanent storm shutters, now is the time to board up windows with 5/8" plywood.
- Reinforce doors with 6-inch surface bolts, and board up any sliding glass doors with plywood or stormproof shutters.
- Stock up the car with emergency supplies, blankets, and a change of clothes for everyone in your home. To find out which emergency supplies to keep in your car, check out our list of 9 essentials for your car emergency kit.

24 HOURS BEFORE A STORM

- Fill sinks and bathtubs with water for cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Move cars and trucks into your garage or a sheltered area.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting. Keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.

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- Keep your cell phone fully charged - you may lose power as the storm approaches.
Pro Tip: Get a portable USB battery charger in case you lose power.
- If you have a generator, get it out and ready, just in case.
- Listen to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio every 30 minutes for weather and storm updates in your area.
- Close storm shutters and stay away from windows.