



Florida Homestead Hurricane Preparation Checklist

A calm preseason and storm-watch plan for people, animals and property

Use this as a planning aid, then add the details that belong to your family, animals and property. Check current official instructions during an active event.

Before hurricane season

- ☐ Update household and animal rosters, identification photographs and emergency contacts.
- ☐ Confirm evacuation zones, routes, destinations and a backup route before a storm forms.
- ☐ Inspect carriers, trailers, gates, drainage, roofs, fences and temporary containment.
- ☐ Test communications, safe lighting, carbon monoxide alarms and approved backup equipment.
- ☐ Photograph structures, fencing, equipment and improvements for private records.
- ☐ Review insurance directly with the insurer and store a secure offsite copy.

When a storm is possible

- ☐ Use the National Hurricane Center and local emergency management for current information.
- ☐ Confirm prescriptions, safe water, feed, fuel and destination availability.
- ☐ Complete slow animal-loading, boarding and equipment tasks early.
- ☐ Protect feed, seed, documents and chemicals above expected water exposure.
- ☐ Secure containers, panels, tools, furniture and other loose objects.
- ☐ Set and honor the outdoor-work cutoff before dangerous weather.

Final quiet check

- ☐ Charge communication equipment and place flashlights where they can be found in the dark.
- ☐ Confirm every person knows the safe room, meeting point and communication plan.
- ☐ Bring animals into the planned secure areas before wind or flooding makes movement unsafe.
- ☐ Stop outdoor work and follow current official instructions.

Important safety note

This resource provides general educational planning information. It is not real-time emergency instruction or individualized medical, veterinary, electrical, structural, legal or insurance advice. Follow current official orders and use qualified professionals when a task exceeds your training.

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Private notes

Do not post addresses, routes, gate details, medical information or security plans publicly.
