



Florida Homestead Post-Storm Recovery Checklist

A life-safety-first sequence for people, animals, utilities, records and cleanup

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.

First priorities

- ☐ Wait for official guidance; never go outside during the hurricane eye.
- ☐ Account for people and check for fire, gas, floodwater, downed lines and structural hazards.
- ☐ Call emergency services for immediate danger and follow local instructions.
- ☐ Keep generators outdoors more than 20 feet from doors, windows and vents.

Animals and property

- ☐ Inspect every fence, gate, shelter and animal area before returning animals.
- ☐ Use known-safe water and isolate wet, moldy or contaminated feed.
- ☐ Provide temporary containment before beginning nonessential cleanup.
- ☐ Contact a veterinarian for injured, ill or stressed animals.

Documentation and cleanup

- ☐ Photograph damage before safe temporary repairs.
- ☐ Keep an expense, communication and repair log.
- ☐ Treat every downed line as energized.
- ☐ Avoid floodwater and assume it may be contaminated.
- ☐ Do not cut tensioned, elevated or unstable trees without training and proper equipment.
- ☐ Keep children and animals outside work zones; schedule rest, hydration and communication checks.

Before ordinary routines resume

- ☐ Confirm safe water, secure feed, usable shelter and intact containment.
- ☐ Record lessons while they are fresh and update the plan for the next storm.

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.
