

Are You Prepared?

Hurricane Season

Hurricane season lasts from June through November, bringing heavy rains and catastrophic winds that can severely damage or destroy homes. You and your family need to be prepared when a hurricane strikes. Utilize the following guidance to stay safe and limit potential damage in the event of a hurricane.

Prepare for a Hurricane

Consider the following tips to prepare for a potential hurricane:

- Put together an emergency kit and a family communication plan.
- Research evacuation routes in your area. Decide where you will go and how you will get there if you need to leave your home.
- Cover windows with storm shutters or marine plywood.
- Keep trees and shrubs well-trimmed throughout hurricane season.
- Bring in outdoor furniture, decorations and garbage cans.
- Purchase a generator in case power is lost and know how to operate it safely.
- Review insurance coverage with an agent well before a hurricane and retain additional coverage as necessary. Home insurance typically excludes flood-related damage and may also have limitations or restrictions for wind damage.

What to Do If There Is a Hurricane in Your Area

Take the following actions if a hurricane is in your area:



Check your phone, radio or TV for weather alerts.



Make sure you have a supply of water for cleaning and flushing toilets.



Follow evacuation orders.



Turn off utilities if you are instructed to do so.



Keep a stock of nonperishable food items.



Stay out of flood water.

The start of hurricane season reminds us of the importance of well-rounded insurance. Contact your agent to discuss coverage options and ensure you are adequately protected.