



# Hurricane Preparedness Tips & Resources

Erickson's Drying Systems encourages you to take appropriate steps to secure your property, preparing yourself and your beloveds for a storm.

## What Should I Do?

For more info, please visit [www.ericksonsdrying.com](http://www.ericksonsdrying.com)

- Make sure you have insurance policies, claims department and agent phone numbers.
- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical info from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bikes, lawn furniture, etc.).

- Close all windows, doors, and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Fill your car's gas tank.

- Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear.
- Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required, and make plans for your pets to be cared for.
- Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads.

For National Flood Insurance and Flood Preparedness tips, please visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

## What Supplies Do I Need?

FEMA: 800-621-3362 • Florida Disaster Insurance Helpline: 800-227-8678  
Red Cross: 866-438-4636 • Police/Fire/Medical Rescue 911

- Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio)
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra clothing, rain gear, hat, and sturdy shoes

- Extra batteries
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Multi-purpose tool; general tools
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Map(s) of area

- Sanitation and hygiene items
- Emergency blanket
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers, etc.)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl, etc.)
- Extra set of car and house keys
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Cell Phone/Camera for photos of damage

## What Do I Do After A Hurricane?

Who you call in the aftermath makes a difference.  
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- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding.
- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.

- Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.