

Preparing for Hurricane Season



Hurricanes are strong storms that are prone to hit the East Coast between June 1 and November 30.



They produce additional weather risks such as flooding, storm surges, high winds, and tornadoes.



These risks associated with hurricanes can occur before, during, and after the main event.

Preparing for a hurricane and the associated risks can reduce life-threatening situations.

Before a Hurricane



Put together an emergency preparedness kit with basic supplies. Create an emergency plan including meeting places inside and outside of your neighborhood.



Be prepared to escape quickly. Know the evacuation routes as well as your destination. Know where local emergency shelters are located.



Consider precautionary evacuation of animals. Move animals sooner than later, bringing companion animals inside, and move livestock to higher ground.

During a Hurricane



Stay alert and listen to local news or a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio for official and updated information.



Stay indoors during a hurricane. Do not walk on beaches, riverbanks, or in flood waters as they may be contaminated with sewage or contain dangerous insects or animals.



Have flashlights and extra batteries on hand. Do not use candles. Keep food and water in locations safe from flood waters.

After a Hurricane



If evacuated, only return when authorities say it is safe. When the power is out for extended periods, monitor food for spoilage to avoid food poisoning.



Be aware of extended rainfall causing flooding. Continue to monitor local news or a NOAA radio station for updated information and instructions.



Inspect your home and document any damage. Wear protective clothing, including rubber gloves and rubber boots, and be cautious while cleaning.