



2024 **HURRICANE** PREPAREDNESS **GUIDE**

**KEEPING YOU &
YOUR FAMILY SAFE
DURING HURRICANE SEASON**

- What To Do Before & During A Storm
- Tracking Map • Storm Shelters • Checklists

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Every Hurricane is different. That's why you need a team of experienced meteorologists to deliver accurate weather information to help keep your family safe. Rely on the **Weather Experts**, led by Chief Meteorologist Bryan Karrick on **Spectrum News 13**. We know Central Florida because we live here too. We know how the weather patterns change so quickly and how that impacts our communities. We provide you with the very latest information in a calm, clear and concise manner so that you have the time to prepare and to keep your family safe.

You can stay connected to **Spectrum News 13** and the **Weather Experts** on the go by downloading the **Spectrum News App**, exclusively for Spectrum customers, to view LIVE *Klystron 13* radar at your fingertips or to watch **Spectrum News 13** during severe weather.

Trust the **Weather Experts**—backed by *Klystron 13*, the world's most powerful television radar—on **Spectrum News 13**, exclusively on **Spectrum**.

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from
June 1 to November 30 with a peak
around **September 14**.

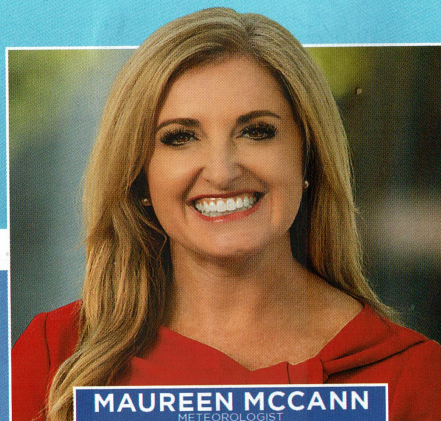
Storms can still form outside this time period.

THE WEATHER
EXPERTS

HURRICANE PREPARATION

WHAT TO DO BEFORE A HURRICANE

- **Plan ahead with an emergency kit.**
Build an emergency kit, including food, water, medical needs and important documents.
- **Create a family communications plan.**
Make sure your family knows how to get in touch with each other if you are separated. Have a family discussion to determine who would be your out-of-state point of contact, and make sure everyone has a cell phone or a prepaid phone card so you can communicate with others and let them know you are safe.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.**
Learn the elevation level of your property and whether you are in a flood zone. If there are levees, dams or rivers in your area, be aware of them and whether they pose a hazard for you and your home.
- **Learn evacuation routes for your community.**
Determine where you would go and how to get there if you need to evacuate.
- **Make plans to secure your property.**
Use permanent storm shutters or board up your windows with marine plywood that has already been cut to fit and be installed. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- **Keep the exterior of your home in good shape.**
Trim trees and shrubs so they are wind-resistant. Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts. Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, and garbage cans.



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WHAT TO DO DURING A HURRICANE

- **Stay informed of the storm's track.**
Watch Spectrum News 13 on your TV or on any of your favorite devices using the Spectrum News App or tune into our radio partner for latest information.
- **Secure your home.**
Close storm shutters, secure outdoor objects, and turn off propane tanks.
- **Ensure you have a supply of water in case the water is shut off.**
Fill the bath tub and other large containers with water.
- **Go to a wind-safe room.**
If you do not have one, then move away from windows and glass doors. Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors. Keep curtains and blinds closed. Avoid elevators. You can also take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level of your home. Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

IMPORTANT CHECKLISTS

HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT

- ☐ Flashlights
- ☐ Battery-operated radio
- ☐ Battery-operated lanterns
- ☐ Batteries (in different sizes)
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Clock (wind-up or battery-powered)
- ☐ Plastic garbage bags
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Clean clothes
- ☐ Extra blankets & pillows
- ☐ Heavy gloves

FOOD AND WATER

- ☐ Bottled water (1 gallon/person/day)
- ☐ Bottled juice
- ☐ Two coolers (One for drinks, one for food)
- ☐ Canned foods
- ☐ Manual can opener
- ☐ Dry pet food

MEDICAL NEEDS

- ☐ Medic-alert tags
- ☐ Insect-repellent sprays
- ☐ Feminine hygiene items
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Prescription medication
- ☐ Over-the-counter medication
- ☐ Children's medication
- ☐ Bandages
- ☐ Adhesive tape
- ☐ Antiseptic solution
- ☐ Thermometer
- ☐ Tweezers



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METEOROLOGIST

HOUSE

- ☐ Remove outdoor items
- ☐ Trim dead branches from trees
- ☐ Board up windows
- ☐ Fill gas tanks and extra containers
- ☐ Get extra cash
- ☐ Move furniture away from windows
- ☐ Store important documents in waterproof containers

FILING INSURANCE CLAIMS

Although the first concern should be safety, it is important to be aware of the need to act promptly when filing claims for damages inflicted on your property by a hurricane.

- **Have your policy number available.**
- **Contact your insurance company as soon as possible.**
- **Make a list of damages. If possible, document damage with photos.**
- **Fill out claim forms from insurance company and return them promptly.**
- **Be sure you understand the claim process. If you are unfamiliar with it or do not understand, ask for a full explanation.**
- **Contact your insurance company before an emergency to see if you are prepared if a disaster should occur.**

