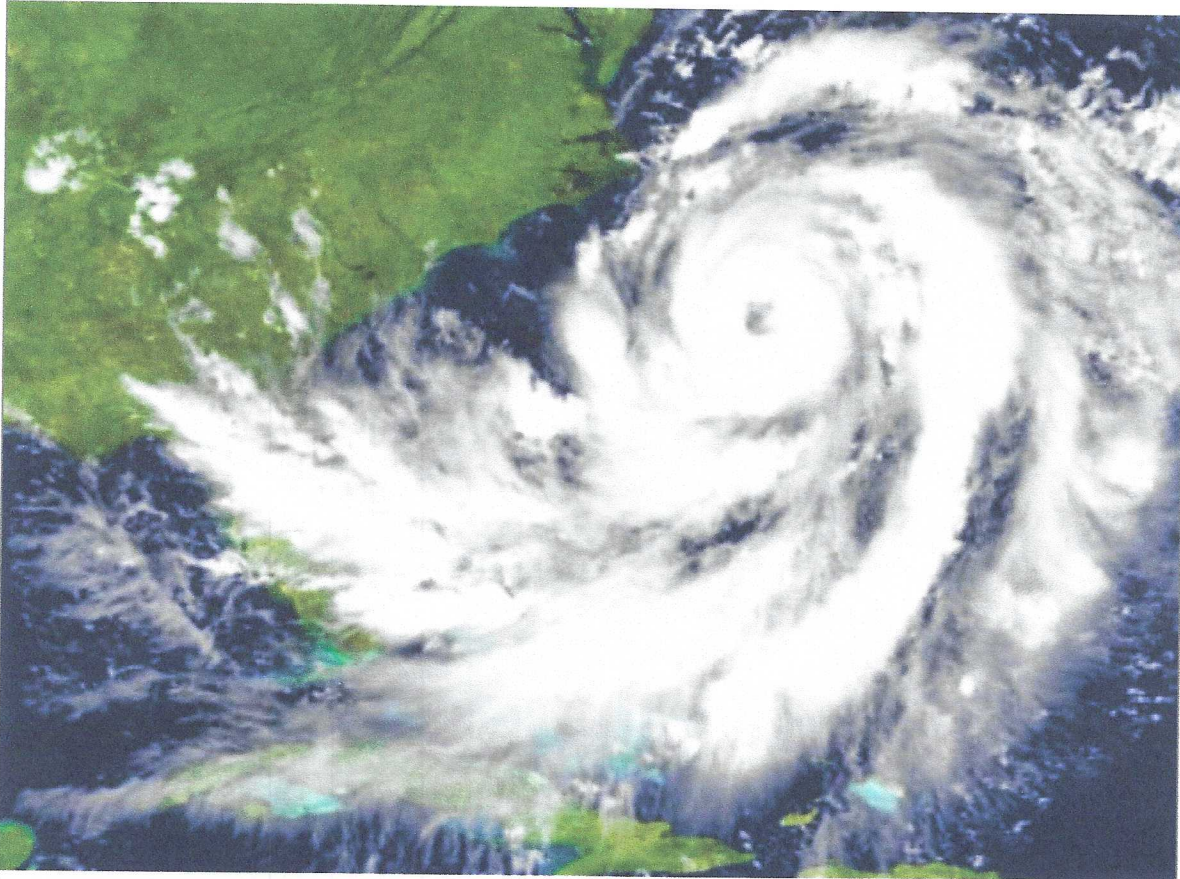


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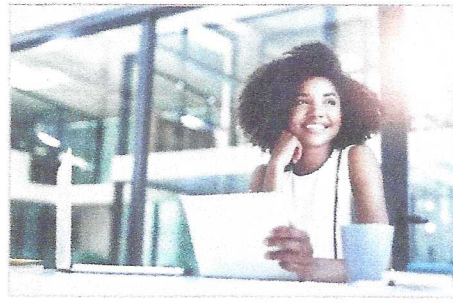
Hurricane Preparation Guide

Hurricane Season is June 1st
to November 30th



Stay Ready

- Inspect your roof, siding, and foundation and make repairs now.
- Be sure your trees and shrubs are trimmed and your gutters are cleaned and clear.
- Make sure you have an emergency kit stocked with a radio, batteries, medications, tools, flashlights, non-perishable food, and water.
- Place your insurance documents and other important paperwork in a safe, waterproof, easy to access location.
- Prepare a home inventory with photos of your home and personal property.
Learn more below.



Know Your Resources

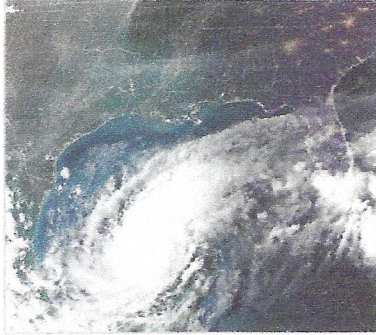
There are many sites that provide information and guidance to help you stay informed, prepared, and protected.

- [National Hurricane Center](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)
- More resources, including state-specific resources, can be found on our website, [cypressig.com](#).
- Visit our Insights page for [Essential Resources for Storm Preparedness and Recovery](#).

Before A Storm

- Bring everything inside.
- Cover windows with hurricane shutters or 5/8" plywood, cut to fit your windows.
- Park your car in a garage or next to a building.

- Be sure your mobile phone is charged.
- Fill sinks, tubs, and other containers with water.



During A Storm

- Listen to the radio or TV for information.
- Avoid using your phone except for emergencies.
- Stay inside unless you are told to evacuate.
- Stay away from windows and exterior doors.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Keep your emergency kit with you.



After A Storm

- Stay inside until you are told it's safe.
- Make sure your home is safe before returning.
- Let others know you're okay.
- Be alert for flooding, downed power lines and tree limbs as well as tornadoes.
- Take photos and video of the damage to your home.

How To Prepare A Home Inventory



1. Choose Your Inventory Method

Pick a format that works for your lifestyle. Common options:

- Mobile apps (like Sortly, Encircle, or HomeZada)
- Spreadsheet tools (Excel or Google Sheets)
- Home inventory templates (downloadable PDFs)
- Photo/video documentation (paired with written notes)

2. Start with High-Value Items

Begin with expensive or irreplaceable items. These often include:

- Electronics (TVs, laptops, gaming consoles)
- Jewelry and watches
- Firearms (if applicable)
- Artwork and collectibles
- Furniture and appliances

Document for each item:

- Description
- Brand/model
- Serial number
- Purchase date
- Purchase price
- Receipts (if available)
- Photos or videos

3. Work Room-by-Room

Go systematically through each room:

- Living room
- Kitchen
- Bedrooms
- Bathrooms
- Closets
- Garage/shed
- Storage units
- Attic/basement

Consider taking a slow, narrated video tour of each room as a quick backup.

4. Don't Forget Everyday Items

It's easy to overlook:

- Clothing (group by category, e.g., 10 pairs of jeans, 5 coats)
- Tools
- Kitchenware
- Toys
- Books, DVDs, games
- Decor and rugs

Even small items add up fast after a disaster.

5. Back Up Your Inventory

Store the inventory in a safe, accessible location:

- Cloud storage (Google Drive, Dropbox, iCloud)
- External hard drive
- Email yourself a copy
- Share with a trusted family member

Protect your backup with a password or encryption, especially if it contains serial numbers and receipts.

6. Update Regularly

Set a reminder to update your home inventory:

- Annually
- After major purchases
- After holidays or birthdays
- When you move or remodel



Flood Preparation

Floods are the #1 natural disaster in the United States, and 98% of all counties have experienced one. Most homeowners insurance policies don't cover floods, so now is the time to talk with your insurance agent about a flood policy.