## **Hurricane Preparation Checklist**



## Before the Hurricane:

- Determine your risk and prepare accordingly
- □ Know the hurricane evacuation routes in your area
- Plan an evacuation route and designate a meeting place for your family
- Prepare an emergency kit that includes non-perishable food, water, batteries, flashlights, and first aid
- Review your insurance policy and make necessary updates
- Secure and reinforce your home, including doors, windows, and roof
- □ Trim trees and shrubs around your property
- Move outdoor furniture, grills, and other items that could be a hazard in high winds

## **During the Hurricane:**

- Listen to the radio or TV for updates and follow instructions from local officials
- Stay indoors and away from windows, skylights, and glass doors
- □ Keep your emergency kit and supplies with you
- □ If the winds become too strong, go to an interior room or a designated safe area
- Avoid using electrical equipment and corded phones

## After the Hurricane:

- Stay tuned to local news for updates and instructions
- Avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges
- □ Inspect your home for damage and take photos for insurance purposes
- Use caution when entering your home and beware of potential hazards, such as broken glass, downed power lines, and gas leaks
- Contact your insurance agent to report any damage and start the claims process
- □ If you evacuated, wait for officials to declare the area safe before returning home

Remember, preparation is key to staying safe during a hurricane. Make sure you take all necessary steps to protect yourself, your family, and your property. Stay informed and stay safe!



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