



NAPLES & SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

# Hurricane Prep Checklist

Hurricane season runs **June 1 - November 30**. Prepare early — don't wait for a named storm to start getting ready.

Collier County Emergency: 239-252-3600 | National Hurricane Center: [nhc.noaa.gov](http://nhc.noaa.gov) | Know Your Zone Before Storm Season

## 1 Know Your Zone & Plan

Do this BEFORE storm season starts

- Know your Collier County evacuation zone (A-E) — check CollierEM.com
- Identify your nearest emergency shelter location
- Plan two evacuation routes: I-75 North and US-41 North
- Sign up for Collier County emergency alerts at CollierEM.com
- Download the FEMA app and monitor NOAA weather radio
- Designate an out-of-state family contact point

## 2 Protect Your Property

Complete before any storm threat

- Install hurricane shutters or pre-cut plywood for all windows
- Inspect and reinforce garage door — most common failure point in high winds
- Trim trees and remove dead branches near the home
- Clear gutters and downspouts completely
- Bring in ALL outdoor furniture, decor, and potted plants
- Secure or store grills, trampolines, and umbrellas
- Check roof condition and flashing before season starts
- Inspect and test your generator — store fuel safely
- Turn pool pump to storm mode and add extra chlorine
- Know location of all utility shut-offs: water, gas, electric
- Anchor or remove any boat or trailer from property
- Photograph and video all rooms — interior AND exterior

## 3 Insurance & Documents

Store copies digitally and in waterproof container

- Review homeowner's, flood, and wind policies before June 1
- Confirm flood insurance is active — standard HO policies do NOT cover flooding
- Store policy documents digitally and in a waterproof container
- Keep insurance agent contact info easily accessible
- Store copies of ID, passports, and financial records in waterproof bag
- Back up all important documents to cloud storage
- Know your policy deductibles for wind and flood separately
- Photograph jewelry, art, and valuables for claims purposes

- Take full baseline photos of home interior and exterior
- Document serial numbers and values of major appliances

## 4 Emergency Supplies

FEMA recommends 7 days minimum. In SW Florida, plan for 14 days given potential road closures and power outages after a major storm.

- Water: 1 gallon per person per day for 14 days minimum
- Non-perishable food for 14 days — include a manual can opener
- Prescription medications — 30+ day supply if possible
- First aid kit, OTC medications, and pain relievers
- Battery or hand-crank NOAA weather radio
- Flashlights and extra batteries — multiple sets
- Battery-powered phone chargers and power banks
- Cash in small bills — ATMs may be down after a storm
- Waterproof bags and bins for documents and valuables
- Blankets, rain gear, and sturdy closed-toe shoes
- Pet food, carriers, and vaccination records if applicable
- Baby supplies if applicable

## 5 Vehicle & Fuel

- Keep gas tank at least half full all through storm season
- Store approved fuel containers filled for your generator
- Service vehicle before season — check tires, oil, and battery
- Know where fuel stations are along your evacuation routes

### If You Are a Seasonal or Out-of-State Owner — Extra Steps

- \* Arrange a trusted local contact before you leave Naples
- \* Have someone authorized to shut off water at the main before a storm
- \* Pre-authorize a local contractor for emergency repairs
- \* Ensure someone can close your shutters if a storm approaches
- \* Set up remote-access security cameras for your property
- \* Leave a detailed property info sheet with your local contact
- \* Enroll your property in a home watch service before you leave
- \* Provide your insurance agent contact info to your local contact

### Leaving Naples? Let Watch Your House Naples be your local contact.

We provide home watch, property support, baseline photo documentation, and FAA Part 107 certified aerial roof photography — so your property is documented, monitored, and protected all season long.

239-878-3357 | [watchyourhousenaples.com](http://watchyourhousenaples.com) | Free Consultation

## 6 During & After the Storm

- Do NOT return home until authorities declare it safe
- Watch for downed power lines, flooded roads, and debris
- Document ALL damage with photos and video before any cleanup
- Contact insurance company immediately after documenting damage
- Do NOT use generator indoors — carbon monoxide is deadly
- Boil water until Collier County gives the all-clear
- Report price gouging to Florida AG: 1-866-966-7226
- Check on elderly neighbors who may need assistance
- Do not enter any structurally damaged building
- Keep all receipts for storm-related expenses for insurance

### **EVACUATING? Set Up Home Watch BEFORE You Leave.**

If you are evacuating and unable to return right away, having a trusted home watch professional like Watch Your House Naples already in place makes all the difference. As soon as it is safe to enter the area, we will assess your property for storm damage, document conditions with photos, coordinate any urgent repairs, and continue weekly visual observations until you are able to return — keeping you fully informed every step of the way so you never have to wonder what's happening at home.

**Call or text to set up your plan today: 239-878-3357 | [watchyourhousenaples.com](http://watchyourhousenaples.com)**

***"Peace of Mind Should Be Waiting at Home"***

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