## **GET STORM READY**

# HURRICANE PREPARATION

We know how important it is to be prepared during hurricane season. Proper planning is critical to protecting your home, family, and pets when a natural disaster strikes.



## HURRICANE SEASON June – November

#### **BEFORE THE STORM**

### **CHECK YOUR COVERAGE**

#### **DWELLING COVERAGE A**

Does the amount of your policy cover the cost to repair or rebuild your home? This is not equivalent to the real estate value.

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERAGE C

Does the amount of your policy cover the cost to replace damaged items? Replacement cost coverage may be optional on your policy to cover items at the current market price, otherwise Actual Cash Value (ACV) would apply which is generally less than the cost of brand-new items.

#### **HURRICANE DEDUCTIBLE**

Do you have the funds set aside to cover the deductible amount? If your home is damaged and you're unable to pay the deductible, it will prolong the repair process.

#### **FLOOD COVERAGE**

A separate flood policy is required to protect your home from rising flood waters, even if they are due to a hurricane. Flood insurance may be available in your area through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

#### AFTER THE STORM

## **ASSESS YOUR PROPERTY**

#### STAYING SAFE

Do not wade through floodwaters, which can contain dangerous debris like broken glass, metal, dead animals, sewage, gasoline, oil, and downed power lines.

Do not enter a building until it has been inspected for damage to the electrical system, gas lines, septic systems, and water lines or wells.

Do not use electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water.

#### STAYING HEALTHY

Throw out any food including canned items that were not maintained at a proper temperature or have been exposed to floodwaters. Do not eat food from a flooded garden. When in doubt, throw it out.

Avoid drinking tap water until you know it is safe. If uncertain, boil or purify it first.

Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. Mud left from floodwater can contain sewage, bacteria, and chemicals.

#### **FILING A CLAIM**

Filing a claim is fast and easy. When a storm strikes, our **First Choice Repair Network**® (FCRN) with over 100 vetted, licensed, and insured contractors are available for emergency repairs.

- Phone: 877.333.9992
- · Online: SecurityFirstFlorida.com/Claims-Center
- Mobile App: Security First Mobile



This checklist is meant to get you started in your hurricane preparations. Always keep in mind your family's unique needs.



#### **TOOLS + SUPPLIES**

- Multi-purpose tool and/or pocket knife
- O Portable grill/stove with extra fuel
- Battery-powered radio and NOAA weather radio
- O Cell phone, phone charger, and external battery backup
- Specialty items for infants, elderly, or handicapped
- Flashlight and/or battery-powered lantern
- Batteries in different sizes
- Matches (in a waterproof bag)
- O Toys, books, games
- O Fire Extinguisher
- O Extra Cash
- Bedding

#### FOOD + WATER

Enough for up to 7 days

- O Cooler and ice
- Manual can opener
- O Non-perishable food
- One gallon of water per person, per day
- O Disposable paper cups, plates, and flatware

#### FIRST AID + PERSONAL HYGIENE

- O Toiletries & personal hygiene items
- Medications 7 day supply
- O Disinfectant / Sanitizer
- First Aid Kit
- O Face mask
- Gloves
- O Change of clothes
- Waterproof boots

#### **EVACUATION PLAN**

- List of local emergency phone numbers
- Area map including shelter locations and emergency evacuation routes

#### **HOME + CAR PREP**

- Board up windows and doors
- Move furniture away from windows
- Move loose outdoor items inside
- O Trim trees and shrubs
- O Clean gutters
- O Turn off irrigation system
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings
- O Fill up your vehicle's gas tank
- O Get a supply of extra gas
- Fill bathtubs with non-drinking water

#### **IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS**

Be sure to store these items in a waterproof container.

- Photo ID (driver's license, passport)
- Personal records (birth and marriage certificates, social security card, etc.)
- Property records (insurance policies, deeds, lease)
- Medical records
- Financial information (bank account, credit card information, stocks, bonds, and other negotiable contracts)
- Wills, deeds, and copies of recent tax return

#### **DOCUMENTATION**

- O Take exterior videos/photos of all sides of your home
- Take at least two (2) overview photos of each room, personal property, including high-value items, and the contents of the refrigerator and freezer

#### **CONTACTS**

Family member:
Phone:
Email:
Other contact:
Phone:
Email:
Physician:
Phone:
Email:
Power company:
Phone:
Account number:

#### SECURITY FIRST INSURANCE

Phone: 877.333.9992

Website: SecurityFirstFlorida.com

Policy number: \_\_

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

FEMA helpline: 1.800.621.FEMA Online: Ready.Gov/Prepare

Red Cross helpline: 1.800.733.2727

National Flood Insurance Program®: https://www.floodsmart.gov/

First Choice Repair Network: FirstChoice@SecurityFirstFlorida.com



