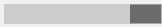


# Hurricane Safety Checklist for Property Owners, Builders, and Contractors



**Hurricanes and tropical storms often bring heavy rains and strong winds that can cause significant damage. Emergency preparedness planning is the key element in mitigating damage & injuries from adverse weather conditions. When preparing for a hurricane, use this checklist to help protect your properties or places of work.**

#### **FOR COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:**

- » Bring inside loose lightweight objects, such as retail stock, shopping carts, lawn furniture, patio heaters, potted plants, garbage cans, signage, garden tools, and toys.
- » Anchor objects, such as gas grills, trampolines, playground structures and propane tanks.
- » Secure patio umbrellas & retractable awnings.
- » Clear rooftop & garage door drains, gutters, and leaders.
- » Secure all windows against blowing debris.
- » Visually inspect for trees, branches or wires that might strike buildings, fleet or personal vehicles. Move to a safe area if possible.
- » Check the operation of sump pumps.
- » Check backup generators or other backup power systems.
- » Prepare flood mitigation materials & review the flood emergency response plan.
- » Check below grade door and window drains.
- » Have an emergency kit and flashlight. Check building emergency lighting and charge mobile devices.

#### **FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES:**

- » Secure materials, tools and loose debris.
- » Cover electrical equipment from exposure to weather.
- » Secure scaffolding, netting, sidewalk sheds and overhead protections.
- » Suspend crane operations and secure crane equipment when wind speeds reach the manufacturer's posted limits.
- » Suspend hoist operations and secure exterior hoists when wind speeds reach manufacturer specifications.
- » Brace and secure construction fences.
- » Check drains in the area for construction debris.
- » Remove valuable tools and materials from areas accessible to flood waters.
- » Bring unnecessary materials down from upper floors if the building is not fully enclosed.
- » Check backup generators or other backup power systems.

#### **STAY UPDATED ON CRITICAL INFORMATION ON HURRICANE FORECASTS:**

- » Visit the [Canadian Hurricane Centre](#) website.
- » Get a radio or download a radio app.