

The Go-To Storm Checklist

Want to prepare your home for this storm season?

Here are some simple tips and tricks to have your home storm ready.

Before a storm

- Pack a survival kit.
- Check your roof for damaged, loose tiles or raised corners of corrugated sheets (remember, a structurally sound roof is far more likely to withstand high winds and heavy rain).
- Trim overgrown tree branches and remove any loose items around your home that could become a projectile during extreme weather.
- Don't trim trees near powerlines. Contact an expert or your electricity company if trees are close to power lines.
- Any outside furniture (bikes, ornaments, toys, pot plants etc.) should be secured or taken inside.
- Make sure you identify a shelter room in your home if you're unable to evacuate.

Survival kit should include:

- Portable battery radio, torch, and spare batteries.
- Water, dried or canned food for 3 days, and a can opener.
- Fuel or battery-powered lantern, matches, portable stove, cooking gear, eating utensils.
- Cash for supplies.
- First aid kit with manual.

During a storm

- Keep a battery-operated torch and radio handy in case of a power outage. This will keep you informed on power or evacuation updates.
- Secure doors, windows and awnings in your home. Covering windows with plywood can make for good last-minute protection.
- If you have a garage, be sure to park your car inside.
- If you have a garage door, back your car up against it, to prevent it from twisting during high winds.
- If you own multiple containers, fill them with drinking water before the storm.
- Stay indoors and away from windows.
- Move your furniture away from windows and door openings.
- During a power outage, turn off and unplug all electrical items, especially computers.
- Do not use wet or damp electrical appliances.
- Stay clear of fallen power lines.



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