

STORM PREPAREDNESS TO DO LIST

Post Haste Handyman has established this list for residents to be as prepared as possible for a tropical storm or hurricane. Keep high wind and high water concerns in mind throughout your home preparation.

EXTERIOR PREPARATION

- Secure and Remove Loose Items around your home. Contact a friend, neighbor or Post Haste Handyman to assist you unless you are able to do so yourself. Keep your things safe inside and remember that any loose item can become a hazardous projectile in high winds.
- Secure loose items** that cannot withstand high winds and torrential rain. Items can be weighted with sandbags or water and can also be tied or roped to trees or other strong structures.
 - Gutters, Downspouts, Shutters, Siding, Storm Windows, Retractable Awnings, Grills and Covers
- Remove loose items** that can potentially blow around causing damage, stow them in your garage, shed, basement or other space inside your home and away from wind.
 - Lawn Furniture, Planters, Hanging Plants, Garden Decorations, Decorative Lights, Removable Awnings, Umbrellas, Children's Toys (even bikes, sand toys, etc. can become projectiles)

INTERIOR PREPARATION

Keep in mind that power losses may be wide spread and flash flooding is possible.

- Elevate items** in your basement or ground level that can be damaged by water: Chemicals, Valuables, Electronics, Computer Towers, Family Heirlooms, Photographs, Financial Paperwork, Important Documents and Other Irreplaceable Items.
- Protect electronics** with surge protectors or simply unplug to prevent permanent loss.
- Prepare** refrigeration in case of a power outage. Freeze large plastic containers of water for ice. These large blocks will last longer at a freezing temperature than ice cubes. Use these blocks in a cooler to keep perishable foods cold.
- Equip every room** with flash lights, extra batteries, and candles (NEVER fall asleep with an open flame.)
- Before the storm** begins be sure to have plenty of non-perishable foods, gas in your car and charge your cell phone, laptop or battery backups. During a power failure, the internet will be your best resource for important news updates.

REMEMBER: Being outside during a storm with strong winds and flash flooding is extremely dangerous to yourself, safety officials and others around you. Be smart, stay inside & enjoy unplugged time with your family.



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