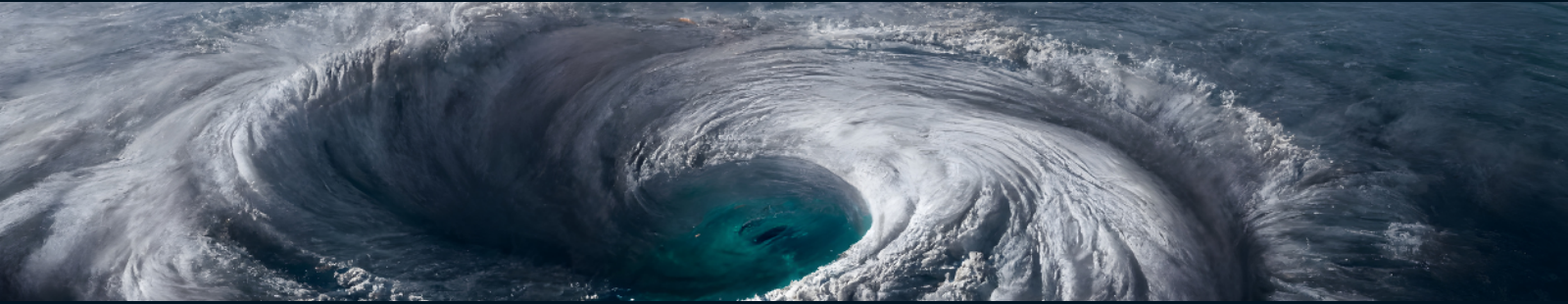


# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season is June 1 - November 30.



Hurricanes are among nature's most powerful and destructive events. In addition, high-risk events such as tornadoes, flooding, destructive high winds, and hail can often occur at the same time. These events can have a devastating impact, potentially causing millions of dollars in damage, and affecting everyone throughout South Carolina.

## BEFORE

- Have an emergency kit prepared and ready.
- Know if you live in a flood or evacuation zone.
- Keep your insurance policies updated (homeowners, flood, and wind/hail).
- Make an inventory list of furniture in every room for insurance purposes.
- Move outside furniture indoors and grills into the garage.
- Strengthen your home (trim trees, install storm shutters, accordion shutters, and/or impact glass, seal outside wall openings).

BUILD A KIT



## DURING

- Stay alert. Listen to local news or radio for official updated information.
- Unplug and secure electrical appliances.
- Stay indoors during a hurricane. Do not walk in floodwaters, they may be contaminated.
- Have flashlights on hand with extra batteries. Do not use candles if the power goes out.

## EVACUATION

- Before evacuating, turn off utilities and secure your home.
- Follow the instructions of local emergency officials.
- Take cash and checks since ATM technology may not work.
- If you have pets, find an evacuation location that allows them.
- If evacuated, only return when authorities say it is safe.
- Avoid driving through flooded areas.

## AFTER

- Inspect your home. Document any damage.
- Wear protective clothing (i.e. rubber gloves, boots, and mask) while inspecting and cleaning.
- Never use a generator inside a house or garage.



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