



# WEATHER THE STORM – BEFORE & AFTER

When it comes to outlasting the storm, preparation is critical. From making an emergency plan to securing your home and belongings, The Home Depot is here to help you with essential advice and supplies. Once the threat of severe weather has passed, it's time to assess the damage and begin the process of repairing and rebuilding. You can trust The Home Depot for all of your post-storm supplies.

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## PLAN AHEAD BEFORE THE STORM

- Designate a meeting place for your family if separated.
- In addition to your home, select a local church, school, or other location. Make all family members aware of the address/contact information for your meeting places.
- Choose an out-of-state friend as a check-in contact for everyone to call. Make sure every member of your family knows the contact's phone number.
- Create an emergency contact card of important phone numbers and give a copy to each family member.
- Appoint an adult family member to learn how and when to turn off electricity, gas and water.
- Know the nearest shelter and evacuation routes, particularly if you live near a coastal area or on an island.
- Public shelters may not accept pets except service animals. Include how you will care for pets in your family disaster plan.
- Place your valuables and important records in a waterproof container and store them in the safest part of your home.
- Gather the supplies you may need during and after a storm. Some items to include are: at least a ten-day supply of water and non-perishable food with three days packed (in case evacuation is necessary), a first aid kit and medications, portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- Make certain everything you need is readily available to be grabbed quickly in an emergency.
- Find a safe place to move your vehicle and/or boat.
- Clean bathtubs and fill with water in case water lines are damaged in the storm. Use this water for cleaning only.
- Check your insurance policy to see if it provides adequate coverage. Damage caused by floods and high winds may not be covered in regular policies.
- For further information and assistance, please contact your local emergency management office and/or chapter of the American Red Cross. You may also wish to visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).



## RETURNING & REPAIRING

- Call your local FLASH or FEMA chapter for a copy of their Repairing Your Flooded Home booklet.
- Check for structural damage.
- Make a list and take photographs of all property damage.
- Dry water-damaged areas and items within 24–48 hours to help prevent mold growth. Visit [epa.gov/mold](http://epa.gov/mold) for more information.
- Wear a dust mask with sturdy shoes and clothing for cleanup.
- Have water, gas, electric, and sewer lines checked professionally.
- Most insurance companies will pay for immediate repairs; keep all receipts.
- If you hire someone to help with repairs, check for current licenses (if applicable), insurance and a work permit.
- We're ready to help with your replacement and installation needs.



### FREE IN-STORE HURRICANE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

The Home Depot offers Hurricane Preparedness workshops with helpful information from the American Red Cross. Visit your local store or [homedepot.com/workshops](http://homedepot.com/workshops) to learn more.

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# CHECK THE LIST

To make sure you and your family are prepared for hurricane season, keep all of the following items securely on hand:

## PREPARATION SUPPLIES

- Blankets and pillows
- Cash and credit cards
- Insurance information
- Driver's license
- First aid kit and manual
- Change of clothes
- Medicines and prescriptions
- Emergency cooking facilities (grill or camp stove)
- Filled propane tanks (for grill/stove)
- Eating and cooking utensils
- Canned and dry food
- Manual can opener
- Extra pet food
- Baby food, diapers and formula
- Bottled water (1 gal./person/day)
- Tools (pliers, wrenches, etc.)
- Ladders
- Extension cords
- Storm panels
- Plastic sheeting and tarps
- Roof cement
- Tie-downs and rope
- Carbon monoxide detector
- Battery operated radio and TV
- Battery operated alarm clock
- Camera and memory card/film
- Fresh batteries for electronics
- Weather radio
- Dust masks
- Plastic storage containers
- Generators and oil
- Cans, gas and oil
- LED Flashlights
- Fire extinguisher
- Butane lighter/matches
- Fully charged cellular phone
- Fully fueled motor vehicle
- Cooler for water
- Ice chest
- Water jugs
- Sturdy shoes
- Toilet paper and paper towels

## POST-STORM SUPPLIES

- Hammer and hatchet
- Shovels/rakes
- Fans and portable air conditioning units
- Trash cans
- Heavy duty plastic trash bags
- Bleach (without lemon/additives)
- Cleaning supplies
- Rags
- Chain saw and fuel
- Wet/dry vacuums
- Pruners
- Cutting saws and pole saws
- Fencing
- Roofing and roofing supplies
- Drills, nails, screws and bolts
- Electrical supplies
- Appliances

## BEFORE THE STORM

### BOTTLED WATER

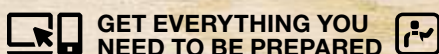
Storms can wreak havoc on water supplies and good, drinkable water can be scarce in the days that follow. Stock up a minimum supply of one gallon per person per day.



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### TRASH CANS & BAGS

- Fill a new clean plastic trash can with water before the storm
- Each person needs a gallon of water per day
- Use the can and heavy-duty bags to collect debris after the storm



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### FIRST AID KIT

Every home should have one. All the basics in one convenient carry-all.



### RATCHETING TIE-DOWNS

Secure outdoor items so they don't become flying debris.



### WEATHER RADIO

Get weather alerts and emergency bulletins 24 hours a day.



### MOTOROLA 25-MILE FRS/GMRS

Keep communication lines open with powerful, battery-operated handheld radios with a 25-mile range.\*

\*under optimal conditions



### LED FLASHLIGHTS AND LANTERNS

Make sure you have one for every member of the family. Don't forget the batteries.



### GAS CHAIN SAW

An absolute necessity during the post-storm cleanup of fallen trees, branches and limbs. Remember to be on the lookout for fallen power lines as you cut.

## AFTER THE STORM



### TARP

Durable poly tarps with weather-resistant polyethylene coating. Large sizes are great for covering roof damage.



### CO DETECTOR

Protect your family against any possible exposure to carbon monoxide fumes when using a portable generator.



### INVERTERS

In the event of electrical failure, you can power your home from your car with this non-interruptible backup power source.



### EXTENSION CORD

These are essential for helping to provide power from generators to items you need to run.



### GAS CANS

Don't run out of gas. Keep an emergency supply on hand for your generators and chain saws.

### THE HOME DEPOT TOOL RENTAL CAN HELP YOU

Our Tool Rental Centers can provide you with an extensive line of professional-quality tools and equipment, plus expert instruction, and advice. Visit [homedepot.com/toolrental](http://homedepot.com/toolrental) for locations and more information.

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## IMPORTANT GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

Never operate generators indoors – they can cause unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas which, if inhaled, can be fatal. Also, do not install a generator right next to your home – carbon monoxide can collect in the eaves of your home. Don't refill the generator's gas tank while the unit is running as this can cause a fire, leading to serious injury or death. Finally, be sure to remove all gas from the tank when storing your generator for next year.

You may purchase a generator 24 hours a day, seven days a week from [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com)

### GENERATOR COMPARISON

RUNNING WATTS	5,000	6,800	8,000
STARTING WATTS	6,250	8,500	10,000
RUN TIME AT 50% LOAD	12.5 hours	12 hours	11 hours
GALLON TANK	6	8	8



## HOW TO CHOOSE A GENERATOR

Identify the items you will need to run in the event of a power outage. Choose the generator that meets or exceeds the total wattage requirement.

### 5,000 WATTS (41.7/20.8 AMPS) Powers:

- ✓ Refrigerator 700 watts
- ✓ AM/FM radio 50 watts
- ✓ Color TV 450 watts
- ✓ Eight 100-watt lights 800 watts
- ✓ Microwave 1,000 watts
- ✓ Sump pump 1,000 watts
- ✓ Water pump 1,000 watts

### 6,800 WATTS (56.7/28.3 AMPS) Powers everything a 5,000 watt generator does, plus:

- ✓ Deep freezer 500 watts
- ✓ Washing machine 1,100 watts

### 8,000 WATTS (66.7/33.3 AMPS) Powers everything a 6,800 watt generator does, plus:

- ✓ Attic fan 300 watts
- ✓ Clothes dryer (gas) 700 watts
- ✓ Four 100 watt lights 400 watts

### NOTE

A simple formula to calculate how much combined power you'll need to run appliances and tools is **volts x amps = wattage**. Check the power demands of your appliances to determine whether they can run simultaneously or intermittently. Always consult the data plate on the appliance for accurate electrical information. Starting watts: Always plug in the appliance with the highest starting wattage first and add appliances in descending wattage order.

Some services and/or products are not available in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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