

MUST-KNOW LIST BEFORE A HURRICANE STRIKES

HURRICANE WARNING

Each year, the country is hit with hurricanes, tornadoes, hailstorms, super storms, flooding, and more. With hurricane season running from June 1st to November 30th, coastal and inland region homeowners must prepare for potential storms annually. Of course, you have insurance to help you recover. But knowing and doing a few things now—while the weather's fair—can help you and your family stay safe and help you protect your property if the unexpected happens.

Check Out Our Top Ten List to Prepare You and Your Clients for Hurricane Season:



Know your closing options in case of an evacuation. Our options include, but are not limited to, Remote Online Notarization (RON), Mobile Notary to come to your location, or a Traditional Closing (in-person at the office).



Be sure all important documents are stored in a waterproof safe, in the cloud, or in a secure portal online. These documents should include your Homeowners Insurance policy, survey, marriage license, wills, social security card, title policy, etc.



Trim trees and shrubbery to help protect your house in case of a storm. Keep in mind this is a tip if you are about to list your home or have purchased a new home.



Consider Flood Insurance, even if you are not in a flood zone. Be sure to purchase early – it can take 30+ days for the insurance company to finalize your policy.



Stock up on important items such as canned goods, water, pet food, paper goods, flashlights, batteries, and most importantly – adult beverages.



Homeowners Insurance – obtain quotes prior to signing your contract and consider binding the policy early, even before your closing day.



Consider where to store outside items if a storm comes, such as a boat, a trailer, pool chairs/equipment, etc.



Find out who's hosting the local Hurricane Party... because you don't want to be volunteered to host it at your new house!



Take photos of the property, inside and out, prior to the storm.



STOCK UP ON TOILET PAPER!!!

For resources by county on flood and evacuation zones, visit www.floridadisaster.org/knowyourzone.



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