

# Don't Neglect Your Hurricane Preparedness, Even at the End of the Season



It's easy to get complacent once you enter the last couple months of hurricane season. We're not out of the woods yet!

Hurricane Michael hit Panama City and Mexico Beach on **October 10, 2018**

Hurricane Wilma made landfall in Cape Romano on **October 24, 2005**

Hurricane King made landfall near Miami on **October 18, 1950**

Late season hurricanes can and do happen. Make sure you're heeding warnings and keeping your hurricane preparedness kits nearby.

## Warnings and When to Evacuate

**Tropical Storm Watch** | Start making preparations

**Tropical Storm Warning** | Follow the advice of officials

**Hurricane Watch** | Board up windows and prepare your property for a hurricane

**Hurricane Warning** | Evacuate if local officials urge you to do so

**Extreme Wind Warnings and Advisories** | Issued when sustained winds will be 115 mph or greater within the next hour – shelter in the interior of a well-built structure

## Make Sure Your Family Knows What to Do

Florida families in coastal areas should make sure every family member knows what to do in the event of a hurricane.

- ⚡ Have an evacuation plan
- ⚡ Establish meeting points in case of separation
- ⚡ Include pets in evacuation plans
- ⚡ Don't wait for hurricane warnings to begin preparing
- ⚡ Keep your hurricane kit well stocked throughout the year
- ⚡ Avoid situations where you need gasoline or supplies at the last minute
- ⚡ Know where you can evacuate or take shelter
- ⚡ If you have pets make sure to find shelters that are pet friendly

## What Should Be in Your Hurricane Kit?

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Non-perishable foods (3 days' worth)
- Water (3 days' worth)
- First aid supplies
- Prescription medications for your family/pets
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Phone battery charger
- Battery powered radio and batteries
- Flashlights (avoid using candles during hurricanes when possible)
- Baby supplies (if necessary)
- Pet supplies (if necessary)
- Important documents



## Protect Yourself From Insurance Claim Problems

- Maintain an updated home inventory
- Have an up-to-date copy of your homeowners insurance policy
- File claims as soon as possible
- Make sure to take pictures of hurricane damage to your home
- Take steps to prevent additional damage after a hurricane

