

# HURRICANE PREPARATION TIPS

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With the start of Hurricane Season, the faculty and staff at the Resilient Infrastructure and Disaster Response Center have a few tips to help you prepare.

Before a hurricane hits your area, the RIDER Center suggest you **PIN3**.

You must *Plan, Inventory, Inspect* and *Insure*.

## PLAN

You need to have a plan and share it. [Ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan) and [floridadisaster.org](https://www.floridadisaster.org) provide resources to help with this. Planning for evacuation, sheltering and communication are the most important. Namely, if you need to leave, where will you go, how will you get there, and how will you stay in touch with friends and family? You need a plan that includes available shelters, evacuation routes and modes of communication written out in detail. Once you have that plan, make sure your family, friends and neighbors have a copy.

## INVENTORY

Check your inventory of hurricane supplies. Whether you are stuck in your home without power or you need to evacuate, do you have enough food, water, medicine and other supplies for you, your family and your pets? [Hurricanesafety.org](https://www.hurricanesafety.org) provides checklists to help you make sure you have the right items in the right amount.

## INSPECTION

Ask a tree service company to inspect your property to see if it is at risk of tree damage. Inspect your windows to see if you need shutters or if you have impact resistant windows. Check if your roof has or needs hurricane straps. There are several online resources for how to prepare a property for a storm and taking these steps now can make a huge difference in the resilience of your property during a disaster.

## INSURANCE

Check the status of your insurance. Your homeowner's insurance should offer enough coverage in the event of severe damage. Your post-disaster recovery will be easier the more prepared you are.



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