



Be Prepared, Not Overwhelmed This Hurricane Season *Steps You Can Take During the Calm Before the Storm*

Hurricane preparation plans should not be crafted when hurricanes are threatening your community – that's the time to execute your plan. Allstate has years of experience helping customers and their families protect themselves every step of the way. We believe preparing in advance of a storm gives homeowners the best chance to minimize risk and start on the road to recovery.

Understanding your insurance coverage and preparing for the dangers of a hurricane can help to minimize property damage and protect costal Georgia residents and their families. Allstate suggests considering the following steps to help prepare for a hurricane:

How to help protect yourself and your family in advance of a storm

- Conduct a home inventory recording each of your possessions. It's also helpful to keep track of model numbers and stores where items were purchased. Store your inventory, including photos and videos, in a safe place away from your home.
- Develop an evacuation plan that includes identification of safe areas, escape routes, meeting locations and plans for pets.
- Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit including a three-day supply of water, non-perishable food, radio and batteries, flashlight and first-aid kit.
- Remove any diseased and damaged limbs from trees to keep them from blowing around during a storm and causing a wind hazard or property damage.
- Purchase materials such as 3/4" plywood that can be used to reinforce your windows, doors and garage doors. Install anchors and pre-drill holes for the plywood so you can install them quickly in the event of a storm.
- Install head and foot bolts in doors for extra protection.

Minimize your losses

- Review your home insurance policy and coverage limits with an agent. Know what you are and are not covered for in the event of a hurricane.
- Find out if you have comprehensive coverage for your vehicle policy. This will usually reimburse you for damage to your car caused by falling objects or flood.

- Gather important documents such as insurance policies, birth certificates and identification. Make sure to place them in a waterproof container.

For more information on preparing for catastrophes visit our website at www.allstate.com/catastrophe.

For more information on how to prepare for hurricanes, contact your local Allstate agent.

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