



SEVERE WEATHER

Home Preparedness Checklist

Hurricanes ● Ice Storms ● Power Outages

BEFORE THE STORM: 24-HOUR PREP

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- Check battery inventory; Replace 9V batteries in your recliner
- Clear emergency pathways and exits
- Gather furniture covers (tarps, plastic sheeting)
- Identify your safe room (interior, away from windows)

ICE STORM

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- Drip faucets to prevent freezing
- Stock space heater fuel/supplies

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HURRICANES

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- Secure/store outdoor furniture
- Board up or shutter windows

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PROTECTING YOUR FURNITURE - HURRICANE

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- Move upholstered furniture 3+ feet from windows
- Elevate furniture if flooding possible (4-6" minimum)
- Cover furniture under suspected leak areas
- Monitor humidity impacts on wood furniture

CRITICAL SAFETY POINTS - ICE STORMS

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- Space heaters: 3 feet min. clearance from all furniture
- Fireplaces: 3 feet min clearance + use protective screen
- Alternative heating: Block child access with furniture barriers

AFTER THE STORM FURNITURE ASSESSMENT

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- Check upholstery for saturation; Begin drying within 24-48 hrs to prevent mold

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- Inspect wood furniture for warping/swelling
- Document all damage with photos for insurance purposes

SALVAGEABLE

- Surface damage/no musty smell
- Minor swelling

REPLACE

- Musty odor after drying
- Severe warping or mold present

*GENERATORS: ALWAYS OUTDOORS! 20+ FEET FROM DOORS + WINDOWS!