

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

For Business Owners

1. Risk Assessment & Insurance Review

Before you can plan, you need to know what you're protecting.

Conduct a Risk Assessment:

- ☐ Identify physical vulnerabilities (windows, doors, signage)
- ☐ Evaluate flood risk using FEMA flood zone maps
- ☐ List key equipment, inventory, and systems that need protection
- ☐ Assess backup power capabilities and IT redundancies

Review Insurance Coverage:

- ☐ Confirm that your commercial policy includes hurricane and flood coverage
- ☐ Understand your deductibles and exclusions
- ☐ Photograph and document high-value equipment
- ☐ Back up all records (digitally and offsite)

Pro Tip: Ask your insurance provider about incentives for installing impact-rated shutters or security screens.

2. Secure the Premises

Your building's physical structure is your first line of defense. Strengthen it before the season starts:

Shutters and Doors:

- ☐ Install Commercial Hurricane Shutters for storefronts, warehouses, and loading docks
- ☐ Reinforce doors with proper bracing and commercial-grade locks
- ☐ Consider Crimsafe® Security Screens for year-round hurricane and intrusion protection

Additional Protection:

- ☐ Remove or anchor signage and exterior lighting
- ☐ Elevate electronics and inventory in flood-prone zones
- ☐ Install surge protection for all major systems

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3. Communication Plans for Staff

Keeping your team informed and safe should be a top priority.

Create a Hurricane Response Plan:

- ☐ Assign emergency roles to team members
- ☐ Define who will secure the property and who will communicate with clients
- ☐ Distribute evacuation routes, shelter info, and emergency contact numbers

Maintain a Staff Contact Tree:

- ☐ Use apps like GroupMe or WhatsApp for real-time updates
- ☐ Prepare templated SMS/email messages for closures and reopening updates
- ☐ Keep emergency contact info printed and posted in break rooms or lobbies

4. Post-Storm Recovery Guide

Storm's passed - now what?

Initial Assessment:

- ☐ Wait until local officials give the all-clear
- ☐ Document damage with time-stamped photos and videos
- ☐ Don't plug in electronics until inspected by a professional

Filing Insurance Claims:

- ☐ Submit your claim immediately
- ☐ Provide before/after documentation
- ☐ Contact a public adjuster if needed to maximize your claim

Business Continuity:

- ☐ Have a relocation plan for operations
- ☐ Communicate timelines for reopening to customers and suppliers
- ☐ Use social media and email to provide status updates

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