

HURRICANE TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IN 2025

“Spring is nature’s way of saying ‘Lets Party!’”. – Robin Williams



It is now June and the weather is changing once again. For spring to appear, the temperatures must change and this will have an effect on our weather systems. Sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse, which brings us to the subject of hurricanes. While there is no full proof system to predict a hurricane season, we do have historical data. Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 and similar to last year, the forecast from AccuWeather, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Colorado State University all predict an

above average hurricane season.

The data from NOAA anticipates between 13-19 named storms. Of these storms, 6-10 could become hurricanes with a prediction that 3-5 could become major hurricanes. Overall, NOAA gives a 60% chance of an above average season. To compare, last year saw 18 named storms and 11 hurricanes. Of those, five hurricanes and one unnamed subtropical storm made landfall. Those storms caused combined damage of \$500 billion, according to AccuWeather estimates. **Yes, that estimate is \$500 Billion.** For this reason, we once again provide you with our tips and reminders of how to prepare for this upcoming season.

BEFORE

A hurricane is forming! A phrase that should always be taken seriously. Once the news starts to provide satellite images of circling clouds, your “to do” list will grow. While the preparation list can seem long, some basic items to consider are:

- Update your emergency phone list. Who to call and how to contact them is best determined ahead of time.
- Train your personnel on their duties to guests and the property prior to any arriving storm.
- Maintain a communication system such as two way radios and know where to find them. Cell phone lines will be very busy during this time and will not be reliable.
- Stock up on supplies. This list will be long but some basic items will be drinking water, medical supplies, canned foods, flashlights, batteries and sand bags. Consider if a generator is also needed and know what vendor to call if so.
- Inspect your property. Make sure roof drains are cleared, trim away nearby tree branches, secure any items that could be thrown by the wind, protect any items that may be damaged by flooding water, secure a copy of your building plans and make sure you know how to shut down gas, electric and all critical equipment.



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DURING

The rains are now falling and heavy winds are pushing against every possible opening of your structure. Here is what you should be doing:

- Continue inspection of your drain systems. Stay out of harm's way but continue to monitor where the water is going.
- Monitor electrical and gas powered equipment that is needed for critical hotel services.
- Keep your guest and associates updated with all current news regarding hurricane status.



AFTER

The rains have stopped and the sun is pushing through. Now is the time to get back into business and assess what needs to be done. Here is what to consider:



- Determine what claims needs to be made with your insurance carrier and notify them immediately.
- Walk the property to evaluate safety hazards such as fallen electrical wires, gas leaks, fallen tree limbs broken glass and structural damages. Check roof drains once more and clear out all gutters. Initiate small repairs that can be done by in house engineering.
- Review the list of critical system that needs to be reactivated. Communicate return to work status to all personnel.
- Review refrigerated stock for spoilage if there has been power failures.

For a more detailed list on preparation, please find the attached "Hurricane Preparedness" document. We also highly recommend you keep on hand the name and number of a reputable emergency restoration company. Please consult with your corporate guidelines to see if you already have a company on panel to call. We will take the liberty to suggest a few national companies with which we have had success. Please note these are national companies that should be able to service your area. In no particular order, those companies and their contact numbers are:

ATI - 800-400-9353
Blusky - 800-266-5677
Belfor - 800-856-3333
RMC - 800-400-5058