

Hurricane Preparedness: Ten Steps You Can Do to Better Prepare Your Florida Home or Condominium Prior to a Hurricane Evacuation

Officially June 1 marks the beginning of hurricane season here in Florida. Most would agree that we can all be better prepared for these unfortunate events. Gulf Atlantic Industries of America, Inc is a state licensed and insured **Florida general contractor**.

Here are some important things we recommend you do in order to be ready should a hurricane evacuation order comes.

1. Place inside all exterior furniture and loose objects on pool decks, yards, and balconies.
2. If you have hurricane shutters, roll down shutters, or removable storm panel systems. Securely lock in the closed position. If you do not have approved hurricane protection devices, securely nail in place 3/4 inch plywood over all your accessible window and door openings.
3. For those with screen pool enclosures and or screen patios/balconies cut the screens at the bottom of each section for winds anticipated over 90 miles per hour. It will relieve pressure off the structure.
4. For those with turbine ventilators on their roofs - remove them and securely cap. Solar hot water panels should also be securely shrink-wrapped.
5. Remove all fragile objects and valuable possessions away from windows and sliding doors.
6. To minimize water intrusion, place folded towels at the bottom of doors, windows, and in the interior tracks of sliding doors.
7. Check all faucets, stove, and oven to be certain they are in the closed position.
8. Unplug all electronics and appliances prior to leaving your residence to avoid electrical surges that may damage them or cause a fire.
9. Place your important documents and insurance policy in a plastic zip lock bag or waterproof container and take them with you.
10. Make certain that you have a full tank of fuel in your automobile.



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