



# Hurricane Preparedness Tips

*The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) reminds all residents to prepare themselves, their families, and their homes for tropical storms and hurricanes. Hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th each year.*

[Mass.gov/mema/hurricanes](https://www.mass.gov/mema/hurricanes)

## Know your zone.

Learn if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone that may flood during a hurricane and evacuate if you are told to do so.

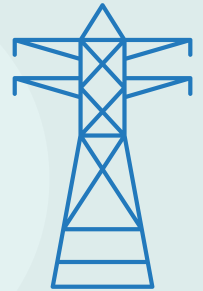
[Mass.Gov/KnowYourZone](https://www.mass.gov/KnowYourZone)



## Prepare for power loss.

Have a plan and supplies for extended power outages.

[bit.ly/Powers-Out](https://www.mass.gov/Power-Out)



## Make a plan.

Make a Family Emergency Plan on what to do and how to stay in touch in a storm. Create a plan to evacuate, including where you will go, and what you should bring.

[bit.ly/Plan4Family](https://www.mass.gov/Plan4Family)



## Prepare for medical needs.

If you or a family member has special medical needs, equipment, or treatment, include these in your plan and talk to your care provider for additional advice or assistance.



## Prepare your home.

Take steps to prevent damage from wind and flooding. Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

[bit.ly/ReadyHome](https://www.mass.gov/ReadyHome)



## Build a kit.

Include supplies that your family would need for 3-5 days:

- Bottled water & food that doesn't need to be refrigerated
- Flashlights, a radio, & extra batteries
- Phone chargers
- First aid kit with medications, spare eyeglasses
- Special medical equipment if needed
- Personal care items
- Copies of important documents



**Remember:** Your kit doesn't have to cost a lot of money, and can be built over a period of time.

[bit.ly/Your-Kit](https://www.mass.gov/Your-Kit)

## Prepare for pets and service animals.

Include food, supplies, medications, carriers, and other items your pet or service animal needs if you have to evacuate.

**Remember,** your service animal is always allowed in shelters, or anywhere else you go.



# Before During & After The Storm

## Stay informed.

Monitor storm updates through local media and messages from emergency officials. Sign up for your local reverse 9-1-1 system if your community has one.

Also, check to make sure your smartphone can receive emergency and public safety alerts.

[Ready.gov/alerts](https://www.ready.gov/alerts)



## Be a good neighbor.

Check on people in your neighborhood who may need additional help before, during, and after a storm.



## Listen to emergency officials.

If told to evacuate, do so immediately.

If you have evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe to do so. Check with local officials or call 2-1-1 to find shelter locations and other disaster information.



## Keep track of property damage.

If your home or property is damaged during the storm, take photos or videos to document the damage, which can help with the insurance and recovery process.



## Important links:

### Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency



[Mass.gov/MEMA](https://www.mass.gov/MEMA)



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