

Preventing Storm Damage to the Home

6 Steps to Take Before a Big Storm Comes Your Way

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This summer, people who live in various parts of the country may have to be more aware of the potential for hurricanes or serious thunderstorms. Weather experts are predicting a moderate hurricane season for the region, and it's important for homeowners to prepare ahead of time so they don't get caught up in the storm's damage. Prime hurricane season begins in June and lasts throughout the early fall, so there's still time to get ready. Here are 6 steps you should take to help ready your property for a big storm this summer.

1. Create an Emergency Plan

The first step is to take concerns your family. A powerful hurricane or strong thunderstorm can suddenly change course and bring damaging winds and flooding rains to your area. It can also lead to significant power outages. Strong storms may leave behind carnage that could prevent you and your family from leaving your house for a few days, so you should start your preparations by making an [emergency survival kit](#). Include items such as candles, matches, flashlights, batteries, first-aid supplies, non-perishable foods, and a battery-powered radio.



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2. Survey the Trees on Your Property

When a powerful storm comes through, one of the most common things it leaves behind is debris from trees. Falling branches and trees can cause serious damage to your home or your car if they are in the line of destruction. Homeowners can prepare ahead of time and make their property a little safer by checking out any potential branch hazards or unstable trees that may be in danger of falling. It's best to call a professional tree expert to help remove dead or dying trees so they don't get caught in the storm.

3. Buy a Generator

Long power outages are common for hurricanes, and they can also come along with a powerful summer thunderstorm. Today, you can prepare for a power outage, no matter what causes it, by investing in a [portable generator](#). Homeowners can keep their essential appliances running if the power goes out by turning on the generator and avoid having their refrigerated foods spoiling. It's important to keep your generator outside away from doors and windows so you aren't at risk of carbon

monoxide poisoning.



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4. Secure Outside Furniture

Another step to take before the big storm arrives is to secure any loose items outside, such as furniture. During a storm with high winds, furniture, bikes, and other items outside become powerful projectiles that can break windows or hit people and hurt or kill them. Smaller pieces should be brought inside, and larger items may need to be tied down or secured in some other way.

5. Check Out Your Roof

A dangerous summer storm may also bring significant rainfall to your area along with high winds. In most cases, your roof should be able to withstand hours of heavy rain, but you can ensure your property is primed to [prevent roof damage](#). Make sure all gutters are cleared of debris and check over your

downspouts to ensure there are no loose connections. Calling a professional, like KY-KO Roofing may also be a great idea.

6. Monitor the News

Finally, the last important step you can take to help ensure your home and family are kept safe is to monitor the conditions. Be aware of the potential for strong thunderstorms, tornadoes, or hurricane conditions by checking the weather regularly during the summer or early fall season. When you get an alert to move to higher ground or shelter in place during a tornado, don't ignore the experts.



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You and your home can get through a tough thunderstorm this year if you pay attention and follow these steps. Instead of being surprised by the damage a storm leaves behind, you can help prevent potential disaster.