

Hurricane

ACTION CHECKLIST

Check your evacuation zone and the current order. If told to evacuate, leave before conditions deteriorate. If staying outside an evacuation zone, shelter inside a sturdy building away from windows; storm surge and inland flooding can be deadly even far from the storm center.

[] Check your zone

Read local evacuation and storm-surge instructions for your address, not just the forecast track.

[] Leave when directed

Use official routes to a destination outside the hazard area. Bring medications, identification, pets and phone power.

[] Shelter for wind

If the building is safe and evacuation is not required, stay in an interior room away from windows during strong winds.

[] Watch for water

Keep out of flooded roads and basements. Follow separate flash-flood warnings and move to safer higher ground when necessary.

WATCH FOR

A calm eye is not an all-clear. Do not base flood safety on the wind category.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Before roads become unsafe, move out of surge-prone areas using a route and destination you have checked. If already trapped by wind or water, stay in the safest intact interior space available, with flood risk in mind. Do not travel during the calm eye.

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Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/hurricane/>

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