

# The Go-To Storm Checklist



Want to prepare your home this storm season? Here are some practical hints and tips to get storm ready, including checking your gutters and downpipes.

## Before a storm

- Pack a survival kit.
- Check your roof for damaged or loose tiles, or raised corners of corrugated sheets. A roof in good repair will be more likely to withstand the pressure inflicted by high winds and keep water out.
- Trim overgrown tree branches and remove or secure loose items around the garden which could become projectiles during high winds.
- Do not attempt to trim trees near powerlines.
- Any outside furniture, bikes, ornaments, toys, pot plants etc. should be either secured or if possible taken inside.
- Identify a shelter room in your house if evacuation isn't possible.

### Survival kit should include:

- A portable battery radio, torch and spare batteries.
- Water, dried or canned food for 3 days and a can opener.
- Matches, fuel or battery-powered lantern, portable stove, cooking gear, eating utensils.
- Cash on hand for supplies.
- First aid kit and manual.

## During a storm

- Keep a battery-operated torch and radio handy in case of loss of electricity. Use the radio for power restoration updates and possible evacuation notice.
- Secure doors, windows and any awnings you have. Covering windows with plywood can be good last-minute protection.
- Move cars into the garage if you have one.
- If you have a garage door, back your car against the inside of the door to help prevent it from twisting in high winds.
- Fill containers with drinking water.
- Stay indoors away from windows. Move furniture and fixtures away from window and door openings.
- If power is lost, turn off and unplug electrical items, especially computers. Do not use wet or damp electrical appliances.
- Stay clear of fallen power lines.

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