



The best time to prepare is before hurricane season intensifies. Use this checklist to evaluate your property, identify vulnerabilities, and reduce avoidable risks. If you notice a concern, contact NOHMIS for a professional inspection before the season peaks.

△ PROPERTY PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Structural & Exterior

- ☐ Inspect foundation, walls & balconies for cracks or settlement
- ☐ Check for moisture intrusion or water staining
- ☐ Look for corrosion on coastal-exposed structural elements
- ☐ Check gutters and downspouts are clear and directing water away from the structure.
- ☐ Check fences, canopies, sheds, and other exterior structures for loose or unsecured components.

Roof & Building Envelope

- ☐ Check roof age, condition, and membrane integrity
- ☐ Look for loose materials, damaged flashing, or poor drainage
- ☐ Clear roof drains and scuppers of debris
- ☐ Inspect window and door seals, locks, and hardware
- ☐ Confirm shutters or impact glass are operable and compliant

Outdoor Areas & Landscaping

- ☐ Trim branches near roof, windows, and power lines
- ☐ Remove dead or damaged tree limbs
- ☐ Secure or store: furniture, grills, planters, décor, play equipment
- ☐ Remove portable hoops, shade structures, pool fences
- ☐ Confirm gutters, drains, and swales are clear of debris
- ☐ Secure signage, fencing, dumpsters, storage containers, and other loose exterior items where applicable

Electrical, Mechanical & Utilities

- ☐ Anchor exterior A/C units securely
- ☐ Test generator and confirm fuel supply and operation
- ☐ Verify surge protection on critical systems
- ☐ Inspect electrical panels for proper condition
- ☐ Check that equipment connections and supports appear secure
- ☐ Inspect drainage pumps and other storm-related equipment

Waterfront & Seawall (if applicable)

- ☐ Inspect seawalls for cracks, separation, leaning, or deterioration
- ☐ Look for soil loss, sinkholes, settlement, or erosion behind the seawall
- ☐ Inspect docks, pilings, and visible connections for deterioration
- ☐ Consider seawall elevation relative to anticipated flood levels
- ☐ Evaluate whether temporary mitigation may be needed before an approaching storm

Documentation & Insurance

- ☐ Photograph and video the property's exterior, interior, roof, landscaping, and major assets
- ☐ Document serial numbers for major appliances and equipment
- ☐ Store important records and photos in a secure cloud location
- ☐ Review insurance policies and confirm current coverage information

△ ADDITIONAL CHECKS FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Commercial properties often have additional responsibilities related to occupants, operations, critical equipment, and business continuity.

- ☐ Develop or update the facility emergency and evacuation plan
- ☐ Establish a communication plan for employees, tenants, vendors, and other occupants
- ☐ Identify critical equipment and relocate vulnerable assets away from flood-prone areas where feasible
- ☐ Confirm backup power systems and emergency lighting are operational
- ☐ Review elevators, pumps, and other critical building systems
- ☐ Secure outdoor seating, signage, dumpsters, storage containers, and portable equipment
- ☐ Update property records, insurance documentation, and emergency contact information
- ☐ Identify essential operations and establish a post-storm recovery plan
- ☐ Schedule professional engineering assessments for known or suspected building concerns

See something that concerns you? Don't wait until a storm is approaching.

Give us a call, NOHMIS can inspect your property and recommend next steps.

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