

# Before & After A Hurricane



Tips to help you better prepare and recover quicker

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# **Before the Storm**

Protect People & Property
Create/Update Your Home Inventory
Stay Informed
Put Your Plan in Action
Gather All Important Papers
EVACUATE IF ORDERED

# Hurricane Prep Before & After

What you do now to prepare can determine what happens during your recovery. When a major hurricane hits, plan to deal with repairs, rebuilding, insurance, and fraud.

The days before a hurricane are vital; use resources from <u>IBHS</u> and <u>Ready.gov</u> to prepare, plan and act to protect your family and home. Evacuate if needed.

#### Plan for after the hurricane.

<u>DontGoof.org/reroof</u> can help you navigate repairing, rebuilding, and building back better with <u>FORTIFIED</u> <u>Home™</u> <u>construction</u>.

Be ready to spot **contractor fraud** and don't take shortcuts when rebuilding.

Don't be a victim twice – Get three bids, all contracts in writing, and permits for any work! Check contractor licensing, insurance, and reputations. Be wary of large down payments and door-to-door contractors.

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# **After the Storm**

If your home is damaged:

### **Prevent Further Damage**

- Secure Your Property
- Make Temporary Repairs

# Insurance Claims & Disaster Aid

- Document damage
- Save all receipts

#### **Avoid Fraud and Scams**

- Get 3 bids for any work
- Get contracts in writing
- Check contractor qualifications

#### **Negotiate with your adjuster**

Plan for additional living expenses or loss of use

**Learn how to work with FEMA** 

**Use FORTIFIED Standards** 

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