

# TEXAS STORM PREP CHECKLIST

## Protect Your Home

### Trim and Maintain Trees

- ✓ Trim trees regularly and remove any dead or damaged trees.
- ✓ Cut back limbs hanging over your house to prevent roof damage.

### Reinforce and Protect Property

- ✓ Strengthen garage doors to withstand high winds.
- ✓ Install storm shutters on windows.
- ✓ Add hail screens to outdoor A/C units.

### Secure Outdoor Items

- ✓ Bring in or secure grills, patio furniture, toys, and other outdoor objects.
- ✓ Use mulch instead of rocks or gravel in your landscaping to reduce potential projectiles.

### Maintain Your Roof

- ✓ Inspect your roof regularly and keep it in good shape.
- ✓ Use impact-resistant shingles where possible and ensure proper installation.

### Check Gutters

- ✓ Tighten gutter fasteners.
- ✓ Consider installing durable steel gutters instead of vinyl or aluminum.

### Prepare for Utility Emergencies

- ✓ Know how to shut off electricity, gas, and water at the source.
- ✓ Install a home lightning surge protector.

### Protect Your Vehicles

- ✓ Park your car in a garage or under a sturdy shelter to protect it from hail and debris.

### Document Your Belongings

- ✓ Create and maintain an inventory of your items, including serial numbers, purchase dates, and values.
- ✓ Take photographs of each room.
- ✓ Update the inventory at least once per year.

### Review Insurance Coverage

- ✓ Check your insurance policy. Understand your coverage and deductible amounts.

## Protect Your Family

### Prepare an Emergency Kit

- ✓ Pack enough food, water, and medicine for at least three days.
- ✓ Include pet food, batteries, flashlights, portable phone chargers, matches, and candles.

### Create a Family Emergency and Communication Plan

- ✓ Set up a meeting place in case family members are separated and unable to call each other.
- ✓ Ensure everyone knows the plan in advance.

### Talk to Your Children

- ✓ Explain what to expect before, during, and after a storm.
- ✓ Reassure them that storms are a natural part of the season.
- ✓ Encourage open conversations about any fears they may have.

### Stay Informed

- ✓ Use multiple ways to monitor the weather, such as a weather radio and a weather app.
- ✓ Sign up for local city or county text alerts for real-time updates.

### Back Up Important Documents

- ✓ Make copies of insurance cards, policies, and key documents.
- ✓ Email digital copies to yourself in case you need to evacuate.

### Prepare Medical Information

- ✓ Know the location of nearby doctors or urgent care centers.
- ✓ Keep a list of medications, emergency contact numbers, and critical medical information handy.

### Protect Your Pets

- ✓ Bring pets indoors during a storm.
- ✓ Keep them with you while sheltering to ensure their safety and comfort.

For More Information, Please See These Resources at TDI:



[tdi.texas.gov/blog/prepare-your-home-and-family-for-spring-texas-storms.html](https://tdi.texas.gov/blog/prepare-your-home-and-family-for-spring-texas-storms.html)



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