



August Loss Prevention: Atlantic Hurricane Preparation

A seasonal checklist to help protect your home before fall weather arrives.

Clean Gutters and Downspouts

- ☐ Remove leaves, pine needles, and other debris.
- ☐ Ensure downspouts direct water away from the foundation to help prevent water intrusion.

Inspect Trees and Landscaping

- ☐ Trim dead or overhanging branches that could fall during high winds.
- ☐ Remove weak limbs near roofs, driveways, power lines, and vehicles.

Check Your Roof

- ☐ Inspect for loose, missing, or damaged shingles.
- ☐ Repair flashing around chimneys, skylights, and vents to help prevent leaks.
- ☐ Address minor issues now before autumn storms arrive.

Secure Outdoor Items

- ☐ Store or anchor patio furniture, umbrellas, grills, and decorative items.
- ☐ Secure garbage and recycling containers before storms.

Review Emergency Preparedness

- ☐ Replace batteries in flashlights and weather radios.
- ☐ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ☐ Review your family's emergency plan and keep emergency contact information readily available.

Prepare Your Vehicles

- ☐ Check tire pressure and tread as temperatures begin to drop.
- ☐ Restock emergency kits with blankets, flashlights, water, and phone chargers.
- ☐ Park vehicles away from trees whenever severe weather is forecast.

Many storm-related claims begin with deferred maintenance. Taking care of small issues like cleaning gutters, trimming trees, or replacing damaged shingles can help reduce the likelihood of costly damage during fall and winter weather.