

## 5 Things to Do Before Hurricane Season

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An old West Indian proverb says, “**An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure**”, so it is always best to prevent and where that is not possible, to mitigate against, damage which could be caused by the passage of a Tropical Storm or Hurricane. A good rule of thumb is to complete a personal audit, two to three months prior to the season, of what your immediate needs are for your family’s protection for the season.

### Here are Five (5) things to do before Hurricane Season

1. **Get an insurance Checkup.** – Review your Homeowner’s or Householders Insurance to ensure that it is up to date and that you have adequate coverage to rebuild after a disaster.
2. **Home Inventory.** – Create a photo documentation of all valuables and keep your important documents together in a waterproof bag or container for quick access.
3. **Protect your Home.** – Trim trees on your property, purchase approved window coverage, secure all doors on your property and collect loose outdoor items. You should also ensure your vehicle is stored in a safe location.
4. **Assemble disaster Supplies.** – Ensure that there is enough food and water for each member of your family for at least one week. Be sure to fill your prescriptions and have your medication close by. Fill your vehicle with fuel and keep some extra cash on hand. Have Radios, Flashlights, batteries, toiletries and other must haves, close at hand.
5. **Develop an evacuation plan.** – Find out today where your closest emergency shelter is. Plan where you will go and how you will get there. Leave immediately if ordered to evacuate and be sure to plan for your pets as most emergency shelters don’t allow pets. Be sure to also plan for persons in your family or community who may not be mobile.