



DUNCAN
SEAWALL, DOCK & BOAT LIFT

Duncan's Hurricane Checklist

How to Prepare for Hurricane Season in Florida

Hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 31st each year. The following tips will not only tell you how to prepare for hurricane season, but also when to start your preparations to help plan for anything that blows your way.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS

True preparedness means planning ahead. If you try to leave all of your hurricane season planning until it's already begun, you may not be able to fully prepare yourself and your property in the event of a storm.



☐ Clear clogged rain gutters

- This makes it much easier for rain to drain properly off your roof.

☐ Trim trees and shrubs around your house

- Trimming trees will make them more wind resistant and less likely to blow over or be damaged

☐ If you live on the water, have your seawall inspected

- Your seawall protects your home and property from water damage. If it is cracked or damaged, it may not effectively protect your yard or home from rough storm waters.

☐ Have your dock inspected for integrity

If you have an older dock or a dock in poor condition, (docks with “Grandfather” status may not be permitted for reconstruction if completely lost during a storm) it may not withstand the unforgiving winds of a hurricane. Make sure to inspect your dock's condition to prevent boards from breaking off and potentially damaging nearby objects.

☐ Purchase a generator for emergencies

- In case of a power outage for a long period of time, a generator will allow you to have a source of power in your home.



WHAT TO DO WHEN AN APPROACHING STORM IS ANNOUNCED

Unfortunately, not all storms are predictable. However, if a tropical storm or other severe weather conditions are announced during hurricane season, there are additional preparations that need to be made.

☐ Prepare an emergency kit

- Put together a kit with things like nonperishable foods, bottles of water, medical supplies, flashlights, and anything else you think you may need in an emergency.

☐ Bring in outdoor furniture

- Furniture that is not bolted down is at risk of blowing away in high winds and may cause damage to your home or others around you.
- Store any outdoor furniture in an enclosed patio or garage.

☐ Take in any potted plants, outdoor decorations and trash cans

- These objects can easily be taken up by strong winds so it is best to move them inside.



☐ Store your boat properly

- If you have somewhere to store your boat, make sure to transport it there before a storm.
- If you must leave your boat on your lift, be sure to raise it as high as possible, remove the boat plugs, and tie it to the lift. (Check with your insurance company to confirm that your boat will be covered if left on the lift during a hurricane).
- Make sure to remove from your boat or tightly secure any loose items or items that could potentially become loose to prevent damage to your boat, property or nearby properties.

Following these tips will have you well prepared for hurricane season. Being prepared will allow you to rest easier knowing your home and boat are as safe as possible. If you have any questions or if you'd like one of our contractors to come inspect your seawall or dock, contact us today and we'll be happy to help!