

Prepare Your Home Now for Hurricane Season

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The Atlantic hurricane season begins on June 1, making this a good time to get a jump on things

you need to batten down your home and be ready for contingencies.

First, inspect your gutters and downspouts. Make sure they are well secured to the house and clear of leaves and other obstructions.

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Keep a battery-operated radio and extra batteries — or even a hand-crank radio so that you can follow weather reports and alerts. A battery-operated charger for your cell phone can also keep you in communication if you lose electric power.

Learn about your area's evacuation routes and have a plan for a place to stay if you need to evacuate. Make a plan for what you'll do with your pets. Create a "go bag" with necessary medications, a first-aid kit, maps, and copies of important papers.

For more information on hurricane safety in [\[insert local area\]](#), contact [\[insert local HBA contact here\]](#).