

HVAC HURRICANE PREP GUIDE

Even minor hurricanes are forces of nature that have the potential to cause massive property damage. Your HVAC unit is one of the most important and valuable systems in your home, and it's important to take steps to protect it from serious storm damage.

This guide shares information on how to prepare your HVAC system for a hurricane or other serious storms and how to recover.



YOUR HURRICANE SEASON A/C SYSTEM CHECKLIST

WHAT TO DO BEFORE THE STORM ARRIVES

Hurricanes bring high winds, debris, and flood waters, all of which can cause significant damage to your heating and cooling system. Lightning strikes can also cause surges in power that can damage your electrical systems. Be sure to protect your a/c unit by checking or installing a surge protector.

BEFORE THE STORM

- Trim trees back
- Clean debris from around the unit
- Cover your outside unit
- Turn off thermostat
- If necessary, elevate your system
- Secure your unit, making sure all bolts are tight
- Turn off the breakers to your a/c system
- If you're waiting out the storm, pre-cool your home
- Make sure your surge protector is working

WHAT TO DO AFTER THE STORM HAS PASSED

In the aftermath of a hurricane, the first thing you need to know is that you should refrain from immediately turning your A/C unit back on. If there is standing water near the unit or debris blocking important ventilation areas, then turning it on could cause lasting damage. Perform a visual inspection of the unit first to ensure that the unit is safe to operate.

AFTER THE STORM

- Clean/Inspect your unit for damage
- Look for water damage
- Listen for strange sounds
- Take photos of any damage and notify your insurance company



If your home's A/C unit is damaged by a major storm, the HVAC experts at A/C Designs are prepared to help you recover. Our technicians have been helping residents in Northeast Florida prepare for, and recover from, serious storms for over 16 years.

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