

# BE SAFE on the Coast!

Coastal zones are scenic areas that everyone can enjoy. But when a hurricane comes ashore, it can cause dangerous storm surge. During hurricane season, residents on the coast can implement simple preparedness measures to ensure their homes and families are safe.

**Follow these eight coastal preparedness steps for this year's hurricane season:**



STEP

1

Verify if your insurance policy covers floods. Visit [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) for more information.



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2

Salt damage to windows and doors is common on the coast. Check and repair, if necessary. Also check drainage systems.



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3

Coastal areas can become especially windy during storms. Check surrounding areas for objects that may become airborne.



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4

If you own a boat, secure it or store it before the storm. Store fishing nets and other equipment.



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5

Identify key evacuation routes and shelters. Evacuate to high ground or inland when necessary.



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6

Storm surges can occur at any time during a hurricane. Plan and practice your family emergency plan.



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7

Keep an emergency kit available. Include water, food, a flashlight and other important supplies.



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8

Don't wait, evacuate! Return to your home once the area is declared as safe.