

7 Ways to Prep Your AC for Florida Storms



Follow our Pre- and Post-Hurricane Air Conditioner Preparedness Checklist:



Don't risk your life or your AC unit's health by flipping that switch too soon. If you have experienced a tropical storm, hurricane, high winds, standing water or any other weather issue at your Tampa residence call one of our expert 24-hour AC repair technicians to come out.

As the storm approaches:

- ✓ **Cool your home.** Cooling your home before the storm will give you some comfort as you wait for it to pass without your AC.
- ✓ **Turn off the electricity or unplug your AC unit.** From power surges to lightning strikes, power is unstable during a storm. Your cooling system can get fried if it's operational during this time.
- ✓ **Cover your AC unit with a tarp or plywood.** High-speed winds can send debris flying against your unit. Plus plywood will offer some protection from projectiles such as lawn furniture or playground equipment.
- ✓ **Secure or elevate the unit.** With winds in excess of 74 miles per hour during hurricanes, an air conditioning unit can easily be moved in a storm. Use hurricane straps or condenser straps to secure your unit and avoid "lift-off."

After the storm passes:

- ✓ **Carefully check for standing water around the unit.** If possible, do this from the safety of your home. Ensure you've turned off all electricity and watch for downed power lines.
- ✓ **Note any obvious disconnections and call an AC technician immediately.**
- ✓ **Do not turn your AC on after the storm until damage has been assessed.** This is best left to a professional as there could be things you can't see such as refrigerant leaks or internal debris.

Our schedules fill up quickly so don't wait expecting your unit's "issues" will clear up with the skies. Turning a unit back on after a severe storm without assessment can lead to further damage. Be sure it's safe by consulting an air conditioning expert first.

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