

# Keeping Your Car Protected During Hurricane Season

If you live in an area that is as prone to hurricanes as Florida is, you already know the importance of preparation. You have been taught to board your windows, move your outdoor furniture inside and evacuate when ordered to do so.

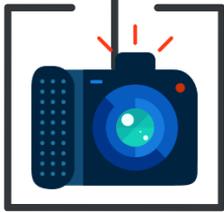
Many people forget to take care of one important detail: Their vehicles. If you choose not to evacuate, you'll need to make sure your car is protected. If you do evacuate and leave a vehicle behind, you will want to take steps to make sure it is as good as condition as possible upon your return.

## Gather Paperwork

Make a copy of your vehicle's registration and your insurance card, and put them in a freezer bag and place them in a safe place within your home. You may also want to make an extra copy for any driver in your home, along with a spare key and fob.



## Take Lots of Pictures



Take pictures of your vehicle's exterior and interior before you leave. You will want to have proof of its condition before the storm hits should it become damaged and you file an insurance claim. Some of the most important pictures you can take are of the windows, hood, roof and top of the trunk.

## Empty It Out

Take some time to go through your car and clean it out. If your vehicle is severely damaged, you may not be able to retrieve items from inside it. In the worst cases, the things inside will be damaged or destroyed along with your car.



## Park Carefully



Shelter your vehicle any way you can so that it can ride out the storm safely. If you have a garage, put your car inside and make sure you board any of the building's windows. No matter where you park our vehicle, make sure it isn't near any large trees or under power lines.

## Get Gas

As soon as you know a hurricane is imminent, head to the gas station and top off your tank. If you have to evacuate, you'll be in a better place. You don't want to find that you need to move quickly and don't have enough gas to do so.



## Check It Out



When the storm is over and you are able to return home, take some time to thoroughly inspect your vehicle. You'll want to determine its condition before you call your insurance agency. Take pictures from the same angles that you took before the storm hit.

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