



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The Time to Take Action is NOW.

PLAN AHEAD.

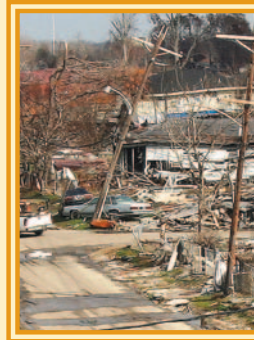
Protect Your Aircraft.

You need to protect your aircraft against a hurricane prior to any tropical storm warning. Once you become aware that a hurricane is imminent, you need to prepare your home and ensure your family's safety.

WHAT TO DO PRIOR TO AN EMERGENCY:

Evaluate multiple evacuation airports that are suitable for your aircraft.

- Select an airport far enough outside of the hurricane watch area to allow for unforecasted movement.
- Prepare a back-up plan to secure your aircraft if you are unable to evacuate. Replace ropes with chains at the most vertical angle. Move the aircraft to a more protected area on the airport with good tie-down anchors.
- If possible, arrange for temporary hangar space. If hangars are not available, remember to check the condition of the tie-down ropes.
- Verify availability of scheduled airline or car rental services to get you and/or your evacuation pilot home.



Locate a number of possible “evacuation” pilots who can assist in relocating your aircraft if you're unable to. Some considerations:

- Start by checking your insurance policy's Open Pilot Warranty. This sets forth the minimum qualifications for any pilot who'll be flying your aircraft and will apply to your evacuation pilot. *Contact your agent if you're not sure.*
 - Check for pilots at your home and other area airports. Many young CFIs may be more than willing to do this for the free flight time.
 - Also check at your evacuation airports noted above. Availability may dictate which one you'll use and you may find better availability away from the warning/watch area. You'll simply be doing the one-way car rental or airline flight on the front end.
 - If you're nearby an aviation school like Embry-Riddle, Flight Safety or others, you may have a cadre of willing, able and qualified evacuation pilots there.
- Make your contacts and arrangements early. When the storm hits, there will invariably be more planes that need to be relocated than there are pilots to fly them.
 - Keep your receipts for your expenditures for reimbursement under your insurance policy's “Hurricane Relocation Coverage.”

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INSURANCE COVERAGE CHECKLIST



Does your policy cover any of the costs of relocating your aircraft? Some carriers cover the costs of evacuation pilots, storage, etc. Keep receipts from relocation expenses for reimbursement.

Does your policy impose a HIGHER DEDUCTIBLE for losses while under a hurricane warning/watch? Call your agent with questions.

If your policy doesn't have Hurricane Relocation Coverage OR imposes higher deductibles on you, contact the AOPA Insurance Agency now for a quote on a policy with better coverage (www.aopaia.com, 800-622-2672). In most cases, we find that policies with better coverage cost no more than those without.

OTHER HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS:

- Make plans to secure your property. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8" marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure. This will reduce roof damage.
- Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Determine how and where to secure your boat.

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