

Residential Checklist

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Common Projects: ☒ Proactive Projects: ☒

Extreme Temperatures

- ☐ Use weather stripping on windows and doors
- ☐ Insulate walls and attics
- ☐ Maintain your HVAC systems
- ☐ Identify local heating and cooling centres in case of emergency

Extreme Heat

- ☐ Plant trees for shade
- ☐ Install shade structure like awnings, pergolas or canopies
- ☐ Use LED lights which produce less heat
- ☐ Use energy-efficient appliances

Extreme Cold

- ☐ Have extra blankets and sleeping bags
- ☐ Insulate pipes in external walls
- ☐ Allow faucets to slowly drip to prevent freezing during extreme lows
- ☐ Have an alternative power or heating source (generator, wood-burning stove)

Drought

- ☐ Check for and repair water leaks
- ☐ Install water efficient appliances, faucets, and shower heads
- ☐ Avoid watering your lawn, or water deeply, infrequently and between midnight and 10 a.m.
- ☐ Use rain barrels for lawn and garden
- ☐ Plant deep-rooted native vegetation that can withstand flooding and drought

Strong Wind

- ☐ Anchor outdoor furniture and items
- ☐ Store lightweight items in a secure location
- ☐ Cut down dead trees and prune dead branches
- ☐ Check for loose or damaged shingles and make repairs
- ☐ Choose roofing materials resistant to high winds like metal roofing
- ☐ Install storm shutters

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Flooding

- ☐ Purchase flood insurance coverage
- ☐ Raise and slope land away from home
- ☐ Install a backwater valve
- ☐ Install and maintain a sump pump
- ☐ Use water-resistant building materials for flooring, walls, and insulation in basements
- ☐ Identify where your community provides sandbags
- ☐ Store sandbags and plastic sheeting for emergencies
- ☐ Elevate washers, dryers, and other appliances on platforms
- ☐ Elevate water heaters and HVAC
- ☐ Relocate electrical panel to main floor
- ☐ Plant deep-rooted native vegetation that can withstand flooding and drought
- ☐ Create a rain garden for flood water
- ☐ Maintain wetlands and marshes which absorb excess water
- ☐ Install a ring dike
- ☐ Raise or move your home above flood levels

Wildfire

- ☐ Ensure chimneys and stovepipes have spark arresters
- ☐ Use ember-resistant vents or screens and check for holes or damages
- ☐ Have hoses that reach all structures and firepits
- ☐ Clear dead plants, leaves, and weeds within 10m of structures
- ☐ Choose fire-resistant vegetation or non-flammable materials like rock for landscaping within 10m of structures
- ☐ Install roof sprinklers
- ☐ In rural or remote regions, have a dedicated water supply for firefighting such as a well or pond

Winter Storms

- ☐ Keep snow and ice clearing equipment within your home
- ☐ Ensure structure roofs are rated for heavy snow loads
- ☐ Plant shelterbelts to decrease blowing snow accumulation around your home

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