

The essential vacation rental natural disaster prep checklist

Protect your investment and ensure guest safety with these expert-recommended steps.

1. Identify potential natural disasters in your area

- Research local climate history and evolving risks
- Assess specific risks based on your rental home's location
- Consult local government resources and your <u>local vacation</u> rental management team for additional help

2. Review and update your vacation rental insurance coverage

- Evaluate current homeowner's insurance policy
- Consider supplemental vacation rental protection

3. Conduct a property safety inspection

- Check for hazards inside and outside of your rental home (e.g., overgrown brush, tripping hazards, mold, areas where ice may accumulate, etc.)
- Address any identified issues promptly

4. Share key home safety information with your guests

- Ensure all exits are functional, easy to access, and up to code
- Check if posting escape routes in your home is required by local regulations
- Clear driveways and exits of obstructions

5. Stock essential emergency tools

- Provide weather-specific equipment (e.g., snow shovel, salt)
- Maintain tools and ensure they are in good condition
- Store any necessary safety tools in easily accessible locations

6. Develop an emergency communication plan

- Create a system to alert guests of potential dangers
- Ensure guests have <u>support</u> and contact information
- Provide local emergency contact information