

#StormReadySMC

Before the first storm, check these 4.

You've planned, built a kit, found your sandbag locations, and signed up for SMC Alert. Take care of these while the skies are clear.

1

Check your flood insurance

Standard homeowner and renter policies don't cover flood, so call your insurance provider today. New flood policies usually take 30 days to kick in. Photos or a quick video of belongings, saved to the cloud, make an insurance claim far easier. Free guidance at uphelp.org.

Start by Oct. 25 to be covered for the Nov. 24 king tide window.

2

Check your tires

Gas or electric, worn tread loses its grip on wet roads. Measure your tread and replace tired wiper blades. Then confirm your auto policy includes comprehensive coverage, which usually covers flood damage.

3

Clear gutters, drains, and debris

Flooding can happen anywhere, often where leaves and trash pile up. Gather your neighbors to clear your home, street, and school, then make it a regular thing.

4

Check your trees

High winds and heavy rain bring trees down. Have a certified arborist assess their health while it's dry. Renting? Ask your property manager to arrange it.

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