

CLIMATE-PROOF YOUR HOME: A HOMEOWNER'S CHECKLIST



WILDFIRE CHECKLIST

- Review homeowner insurance coverage.
- Clear vegetation and debris.
- Create a defensible space around your home.
- Ensure accessible water sources.
- Inspect your roof regularly and upgrade to Class A materials if needed.
- Install ember-resistant vents.
- Consider fire-resistant siding and tempered glass windows.
- Install exterior sprinkler systems.



HURRICANE AND TORNADO CHECKLIST

- Review your hurricane and tornado insurance coverage.
- Seal gaps and reinforce doors and windows.
- Use gravel or mulch instead of stones.
- Consider wind-resistant trees if you're landscaping.
- Reinforce your roof with hurricane straps.
- Consider temporary roof reinforcement with steel braces or plywood.
- Upgrade to a pressure-rated garage door.



FLOODS AND HEAVY RAIN CHECKLIST

- Review flood insurance coverage (separate policy often required).
- Use water-resistant barriers and sealants.
- Consider specialized flood tape for minor flooding.
- Install backflow preventers.
- Install a sump pump with a battery backup.
- Leverage smart flood sensors.
- Upgrade to permeable driveways and landscaping solutions.



EXTREME HEAT CHECKLIST

- Maintain your HVAC system.
- Close curtains and blinds during the day.
- Use smart thermostats.
- Inspect your roof and attic for proper insulation.
- Upgrade to energy-efficient windows.
- Cultivate heat-resilient landscaping.
- Invest in a cool roof.
- Consider solar power.
- Explore state-assisted cooling programs if needed.



EXTREME COLD CHECKLIST

- Clean your gutters.
- Seal gaps around windows and doors.
- Tune up your HVAC system.
- Upgrade to heat-retaining windows.
- Properly insulate your home.
- Install frost-proof spigots.
- Install pipe heating cables.
- Reinforce your roof to help withstand heavy snowfall.