

Florida Hurricane Season RV Prep Checklist

Your storm-ready playbook for Brevard, Indian River & Osceola County RV owners

Florida's hurricane season runs **June 1 through November 30**. If you own an RV anywhere in Brevard, Indian River, or Osceola County, this checklist is your pre-storm playbook. Print it, hang it in a cabinet, and run through every item when a named storm enters the Gulf or Atlantic basin. Most RV storm damage is preventable — the trick is starting *before* the cone shows up over Central Florida.

Exterior & Tie-Down

- ☐ Inspect roof seams, vents, and skylights for cracked sealant — reseal anything questionable
- ☐ Retract and secure all awnings (wind under an awning will rip it off the rail)
- ☐ Close and lock all slide-outs; verify weather seals are seated
- ☐ Tie down the RV with rated straps if stored outdoors; chock all wheels
- ☐ Remove or stow loose exterior items: chairs, grills, mats, satellite dishes, sewer hose
- ☐ Check tire pressure and condition — under-inflated tires fail faster in storm conditions

Power, Water & Propane

- ☐ Top off fresh water tank (15–20 gal minimum for emergency use)
- ☐ Fill propane tanks but SHUT OFF the main valve before the storm hits
- ☐ Disconnect shore power before winds exceed 40 mph to protect electronics
- ☐ Charge house and chassis batteries fully; test inverter/converter
- ☐ Test generator under load — change oil and air filter if overdue
- ☐ Stage surge protector and EMS unit ready for power restoration

Interior Prep

- ☐ Move valuables and electronics to interior cabinets away from windows
- ☐ Photograph interior + exterior for insurance baseline
- ☐ Locate and pre-stage: insurance docs, registration, owner's manual, flashlight, first-aid kit
- ☐ Empty black and grey tanks; close all valves
- ☐ Turn off ice maker and water pump; drain low-point drains if evacuating long-term

If You're Evacuating in the RV

- ☐ Confirm route is on a designated hurricane evacuation corridor

- ☐ Fuel up early — stations run dry 24–48 hrs before landfall
- ☐ Carry paper map backup; cell towers fail
- ☐ Reserve campground 200+ miles inland NOW, not the day before
- ☐ Bring 7 days of meds, food, water, and cash

After the Storm

- ☐ Walk the roof BEFORE turning anything on — look for punctures, lifted seams, debris
- ☐ Check under the RV for water intrusion or shifted underbelly panels
- ☐ Test every 12V circuit before reconnecting to shore power
- ☐ Photograph any damage immediately for insurance
- ☐ Schedule a post-storm inspection — hidden water damage gets expensive fast

Pro Tip From Andrew

If a storm is 72 hours out and you can't reach me by phone, prioritize three things: **(1)** reseal anything questionable on the roof, **(2)** retract every awning, and **(3)** disconnect shore power before the rain bands arrive. Those three steps prevent ~80% of the post-storm calls I get.

Need help running this checklist?

Call Andrew direct: **(206) 504-6067**

flashrvrepair.com • RVTI Master Certified • 15% Veteran Discount