

Post-Hurricane Pest Control Checklist

Outside the Home

- Inspect your roof for missing vent stacks, missing or broken shingles, or holes
- Visually inspect for loose or missing soffits and fascia boards
- Check dryer vent, remove debris if necessary
- Check furnace or boiler vents, remove debris if necessary
- Check your home's electrical service entrance. It should look as it did before the storm. If it's sagging or leaning you've got trouble. Contact an electrician immediately.
- Check shutters and exterior trim, tighten any areas that seem loose
- Search for hailstone or debris holes in stucco
- Check for water infiltration, including around windows
- Check gutters and downspouts, secure gutters to home and clear of debris
- Inspect windows for holes
- Check for standing water, empty what you are able to
- Be mindful of holes in siding created by storm-proofing materials they will need to be filled
- Hazy glass that looks otherwise undamaged could have a broken seal, and will need replacement
- Check for cracks in the foundation, paying mind to bulging blocks or bricks and soil erosion
- Remove all food from refrigerator and freezers

Inside the Home

- Beware of snakes, insects and other wildlife that may be in or around your home.
- Before entering your home, check for damaged power lines, gas lines, foundation cracks
- If you smell natural gas or propane, or hear a hissing noise, leave immediately and contact the fire department.
- Turn the main electrical power and water systems off until you or a professional can ensure that they are safe. NEVER turn the power on or off, or use an electrical tool or appliance while standing in water.
- Check the ceiling and floor for signs of sagging.
- Open doors and windows. If the house was closed more than 48 hours, let it air it out before staying inside for any length of time.