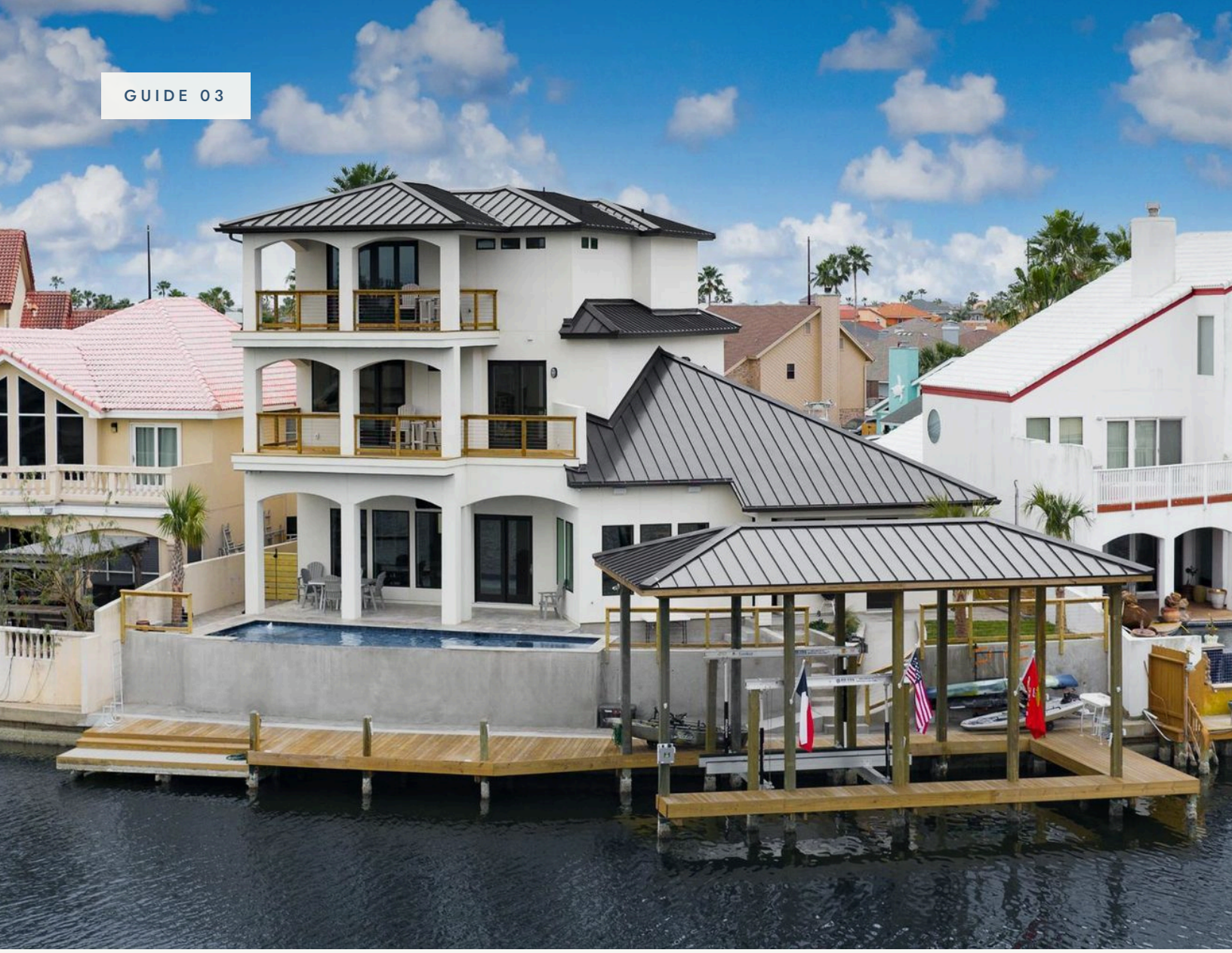


GUIDE 03

A CHRISTENSEN CUSTOM HOMES GUIDE

THE HURRICANE *SEASON PLAYBOOK.*

A homeowner's checklist for June 1 through November 30.

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CORPUS CHRISTI & THE COASTAL BEND

A well-built coastal home is designed for storms. A good plan does the rest. Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. Work through the first list in May, keep the rest where you can find it, and you'll be ready long before a storm is named.

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BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS

- ☐ **Know your evacuation zone and route.** Check your city or county emergency management website.
- ☐ **Review your insurance.** Homeowners, windstorm and flood are often separate policies. New flood policies usually have a 30-day waiting period, so don't wait for a storm in the Gulf.
- ☐ **Record your home.** Photograph and video every room, the exterior and major belongings, and store copies in the cloud.
- ☐ **Gather your documents** in a waterproof folder with a cloud copy: policies, Elevation Certificate, windstorm certificate, IDs and medical information.
- ☐ **Test your shutters or storm panels.** Label panels by window and keep the hardware with them.
- ☐ **Service the generator** and run it under load. Store fuel safely with stabilizer.
- ☐ **Trim trees,** remove dead limbs, and clear gutters and drains.

YOUR STORM KIT

- ☐ **Water:** a gallon per person per day, for at least three days.
- ☐ **Food:** at least three days of nonperishables, plus a manual can opener.
- ☐ **Medications** and copies of prescriptions.
- ☐ **Light and power:** flashlights, batteries, a battery radio, chargers and power banks.
- ☐ **First aid kit,** cash in small bills, and pet food, carriers and records.

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WHEN A STORM IS FORECAST

- [ ] **Fuel up and get cash.** Vehicles, generator fuel and small bills.
- [ ] **Clear the outdoors.** Bring in or tie down furniture, grills, planters and anything that can fly.
- [ ] **Close up the house.** Install shutters or panels and lock every window and door.
- [ ] **Secure the boat.** Haul out if you can. Otherwise follow your marina's or lift maker's storm guidance.
- [ ] **Leave the pool full.** Don't drain it. Turn off power to the pump and equipment.
- [ ] **Move valuables up** and away from ground level. Turn the refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings.
- [ ] **If you evacuate,** turn off the main water valve, unplug electronics, and switch off power at the breaker if flooding is likely.

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DURING THE STORM

- [ ] **Stay inside and away from windows,** in an interior room on the highest floor that's safe from flooding.
- [ ] **Don't go out in the eye.** The wind returns from the opposite direction.
- [ ] **Run generators outdoors only,** at least 20 feet from the house, with exhaust pointed away from doors and windows. Never in a garage.

> **KEEP THESE TOGETHER**
>
> Insurance policies, Elevation Certificate, windstorm certificate, home photos and video, your builder's contact information, and a list of serial numbers for major equipment.

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AFTER THE STORM

- [ ] **Wait for the all-clear** before going home. Stay out of floodwater and away from downed lines.
- [ ] **Photograph the damage first,** before you clean up or move anything.
- [ ] **Prevent further damage.** Tarp the roof or board openings, and keep every receipt.
- [ ] **File claims promptly** with each insurer. Wind and flood are usually separate claims.
- [ ] **Be careful with storm chasers.** Get written estimates, check references and insurance, and never pay large sums up front.
- [ ] **Look for hidden water:** stains on ceilings and walls, damp floors and musty smells. Dry everything quickly to prevent mold.

YOUR STORM CONTACTS

	COMPANY OR NAME	PHONE & POLICY NUMBER
Homeowners insurance		
Windstorm insurance		
Flood insurance		
Your builder		
Electric utility		
Emergency management		
Out-of-area contact		

WE BUILT IT. WE'LL HELP.

AFTER A STORM, *CALL US FIRST.*

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