

STORM-PROOFING YOUR MOBILE HOME

(Wind and rain protection checklist)

- Carport - four or five strong carport pillars - anchored to the concrete and solidly bolted to the carport, plus horizontal cross-braces for solidity.
- Carport lattice/plexiglass adequately attached to the carport pillars.
- Carport top–house joints sealed with caulking.
- Carport with at least a five-degree slope – the more, the better – to ensure rain does not stay on the carport roof.
- Clean gutters.
- Downspout extension long enough to ensure rainwater flows away from the house.
- Downspout free of debris - not clogged.
- Downspouts - six four-inch-wide downspouts for the house and two for the carport – each braced at least at two different points on the house or pillars.
- Flood barrier(s) in low areas (sandbags or water tubes), such as the front door, Florida room, and shed doors.
- HVAC “fence” secured so as not to hit the HVAC.
- No landscaping (plants, planting boxes, and ground cover) that does not flow away from your house in torrential rain and strong winds.
- No large tree branches that could fall on the house.

- No outside furniture or objects that could become projectiles.
- Plastic shed or storage box solidly anchored to the ground or the house.
- Recent or solid roof or roof-over.
- Screen porch built with sturdy material and adequately secured to the ground and the house – no loose material.
- Secured external water heater door.
- Secured house shutters.
- Secured mailbox.
- Security cameras (driveway, front, back, Florida room, and house) to know what is happening while you are away.
- Shed content raised slightly above the floor to avoid water damage.
- Solid roof overhang.
- Solid windows and doors.