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# Hurricane Preparation



## HOME:

- Inspect your tie-downs and anchors: check for loose or bent straps, corrosion or damage to anchors, straps or bolts
- Contact a reputable company to repair/update your tie downs and anchors (especially homes built prior to 1994)
- Turn off water and fuel lines
- Trim trees and branches near home
- Secure outdoor belongings and any loose objects (furniture, grills, pots..)
- Close and lock all windows and doors – seal any gaps or cracks
- Close and secure window awnings

## SHEDS:

- Elevate valuables inside shed
- Make sure flood vents are open (if applicable)
- If you are in a flood zone and do not have flood vents, consider installing a couple on opposite walls to allow water to flow out, reducing pressure and damage

## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

It is advisable to hire a home watch company that can look after your property in your absence during hurricane season to help mitigate damages. We also provide home watch services. To learn more, visit [UltraHomeWatch.com](http://UltraHomeWatch.com). Be sure that the person looking after your home is bonded and insured.

## SOFT VINYL ENCLOSURES:

- Remove movable soft vinyl vents from their frames
- Be sure to label where each vent goes for easy reinstall

## ACRYLIC ENCLOSURES:

- Acrylic sliders shall be removed from their frames in the event of hurricane force winds
- Be sure to label each window for easy reinstall

## ALUMINUM ROOF SYSTEMS:

### On top of roof surface visually check for:

- Loose flashing or protector panels
- Corroded or unsealed screws/fasteners
- Condition of roof sealant and coatings (if applicable)

### Under roof visually check for:

- Condition of beam to posts bolts
- Condition of post to concrete anchors (quantity and size, missing screws, etc.)
- Ensure all gutters and downspouts are firmly attached and clear of debris to prevent water buildup
- Lower and secure clamshell awnings (if applicable)

**Never use an unlicensed or uninsured contractor to perform work on your home.**

**Contact us if you'd like us to check the condition of your existing structures.**

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## Reinforcement Solutions

Baker Aluminum offers comprehensive reinforcement solutions to fortify your carports and other aluminum structures. By enhancing key elements like bracing, beams, and posts with superior materials and design, we provide increased stability and resilience against severe weather conditions.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

1



**3x4 down spouts** (had small 2x3 down spouts before)

2



**Added 2x6 beam to existing 2x4 beam for additional span strength** (had small 2x4 beam before)

3



**New 3/8" stainless steel bolts** (had only (1) 1/4" bolt before)

4



**Added knee bracing for additional stability and strength**

5



**New 3x3.093 posts** (had thin gauge scalloped posts before)

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