

Top 10 post-hurricane pest prevention tips



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ROOF: Replace missing shingles and repair any roof damage. Any holes, gaps, or cracks can give wildlife, birds, and insects easy entry into your home.

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VENTS: Ensure that all vents covers are intact to prevent rodent and wildlife entry.

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SCREENS: Repair any window, door, or porch screens that have sustained damage or replace them altogether. Holes and tears can allow pests such as mosquitoes and flies to enter your home.

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TREES & SHRUBS: Trim back trees and shrubbery so that they do not touch your home. Branches or leaves that contact your home can create a roadway for pests, including insects and rodents.

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GUTTERS: Clear leaves, twigs, branches, and debris from gutters and downspouts to allow water to flow freely and remove potential pest harborage.

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OUTSIDE: Remove debris and trash as quickly as possible. These can create hiding places and harborage for insects and rodents. Keep any trash receptacles at a distance from your home.

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GARAGE: Be sure that the garage is properly sealed. Also check that garage doors close flush with the ground or have a seal that does so. This will help keep rodents, insects, and spiders out.

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ENTIRE EXTERIOR: Repair any holes, gaps, or cracks larger than a dime. Mice can enter through openings this size; any larger opening could allow rats or other wildlife to gain access.

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FOUNDATION/ WOOD-TO-GROUND CONTACT: Flooding can create moisture problems which can attract pests, especially termites.

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STANDING WATER/WATER COLLECTION: Remove standing water or tip over containers that could collect water. These can serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

