

Hurricane Season Appliance Prep for Miami Homeowners: Complete 2026 Checklist

Quick reference guide by Max Appliance Repair Miami

6-week pre-season (April-May)

Service fridge. Install whole-house surge protector. Reseal dryer vents. Photograph every appliance with model and serial. Test generator.

72 hours before landfall

Freezer to -10F. Fridge to 34F. Run dishwasher and washer empty. Unplug non-essentials. Fill washer tub with water.

During storm

Do not open fridge or freezer. Follow Miami-Dade Emergency Management orders. If evacuating, unplug everything except fridge and freezer for short stays.

Post-storm restoration order

Wait 15 min after power. Check food temps. Restart AC first. Then fridge. Then washer/dryer/dishwasher on empty test cycles.

Storm surge rule

Any appliance touched by saltwater is a total loss. Do not power on. Photograph waterline and call insurance.

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