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Trailer Boat Storm Preparation Checklist

Before the Storm Hits

- ☐ Monitor weather forecasts continuously.
- ☐ Review your boat insurance policy; confirm storm coverage.
- ☐ Prepare a storm plan (relocation, contact numbers, etc.).
- ☐ Check the condition of your trailer (tires, lights, winch, coupler).

Securing the Trailer Boat

- ☐ Move the boat inland or to higher ground if possible.
- ☐ Store the boat in a garage or other sheltered structure.
- ☐ If storing outdoors, park on high ground away from trees or power lines.
- ☐ Place the trailer on blocks to avoid tire damage and shifting.
- ☐ Secure the trailer with wheel chocks and remove the drain plug.
- ☐ Tie the boat to ground anchors or use heavy-duty tie-downs.
- ☐ Use a strong boat cover and secure it tightly.

Protecting Systems & Equipment

- ☐ Remove electronics, valuables, and loose gear from the boat.
- ☐ Secure fuel and battery systems; disconnect batteries if stored.
- ☐ Check and seal all hatches and storage compartments.
- ☐ Ensure the bilge is dry and clean.

Trailer and Vehicle Prep

- ☐ Check your towing vehicle's readiness and fuel level.
- ☐ Verify hitch and safety chains are in good condition.
- ☐ Store registration, insurance, and emergency tools in the vehicle.

Safety & Documentation

- ☐ Photograph your boat and trailer from multiple angles for insurance.
- ☐ Keep documentation (registration, insurance, etc.) in a safe place.
- ☐ Create a list of emergency contacts and share your storm plan.

After the Storm

- ☐ Inspect the boat, trailer, and tow vehicle for damage.
- ☐ Take photographs of any damage before making repairs.
- ☐ Check for water intrusion and dry out any wet areas.
- ☐ Test electronics and mechanical systems before use.
- ☐ Contact your insurance provider if needed.

Recommended Equipment Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer wheel chocks | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Tool Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare tire | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy duty cover or tarp | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape (Duct, Repair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer tie downs | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground anchors | <input type="checkbox"/> Foul Weather Gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Plugs / Drain Plugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Utility Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Fuel Tanks | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Bilge Pump | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Straps/ Tie Downs (Bimini, General) | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights and Headlamps | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handheld VHF Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Tool Kit (Testers, Tape, Connectors) | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |