

Basic Checklist for Establishing a Home EM Routine

This guide is intended to help people work through some things that may help them prepare for severe weather on the shore. As with any other guidance, you must tailor this to your situation.

The information presented is based on past years' data and some trend analysis. This means that it should be looked at as an "informed guess" instead of anything guaranteed.

Done	Kind of Events	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Snowfall or Ice • Power outage 	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Kit with cold weather <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Keep drainage routes clear of ice/snow as able <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor for storms (Nor'easters and coastal) <input type="checkbox"/> End of month maintenance on the generator
<input type="checkbox"/>	February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Snowfall or Ice • Power outage 	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Kit with cold weather <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Keep drainage routes clear of ice/snow as able <input type="checkbox"/> Consider mitigation measures for summer rain <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor for storms, Nor'easters and coastal <input type="checkbox"/> End of month maintenance on the generator
<input type="checkbox"/>	March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Snowfall or Ice • Power outage • Flooding • Start of Burn restrictions 	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Kit with cool weather <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Keep drainage routes clear <input type="checkbox"/> Start of burn restrictions in Nova Scotia <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor for storms but the season for Nor-easters winding down. <input type="checkbox"/> End of month maintenance on the generator
<input type="checkbox"/>	April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Power outage • Flooding • Wildfire / Burn 	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Kit with wet weather <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Start of period for increasing summer rains <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation measures for hurricane <input type="checkbox"/> Burn restrictions in Nova Scotia <input type="checkbox"/> End of month maintenance on the generator
<input type="checkbox"/>	May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Power outage • Flooding • Wildfire / Burn 	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Kit with wet weather <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Start of period for increasing summer rains <input type="checkbox"/> Longer preparations measures for hurricane <input type="checkbox"/> Burn restrictions in Nova Scotia <input type="checkbox"/> End of month maintenance on the generator

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Power outage • Flooding • Wildfire / Burn • Official Start Hurricane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/>Emergency Kit with wet or wildfire <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor NOAA, Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor FIRMS or MODIS for fire watch. <input type="checkbox"/>High period for wildfires. <input type="checkbox"/>Shorter duration preparations for hurricane <input type="checkbox"/>Preparation for significant rainfall or storms. <input type="checkbox"/>End of month maintenance on the generator
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Power outage • Flooding • Wildfire / Burn • Hurricane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/>Emergency Kit with wet or wildfire <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor NOAA, Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor FIRMS or MODIS for fire watch. <input type="checkbox"/>High period for wildfires <input type="checkbox"/>Longer duration preparations for hurricane <input type="checkbox"/>Preparation for significant rainfall or storms. <input type="checkbox"/>Annual maintenance for generator
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Power outage • Flooding • Wildfire / Burn • Hurricane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/>Emergency Kit with wet or wildfire <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor NOAA, Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor FIRMS or MODIS for fire watch. <input type="checkbox"/>High period for wildfires <input type="checkbox"/>Preparations for hurricane <input type="checkbox"/>Preparation for significant rainfall or storms. <input type="checkbox"/>End-of-month maintenance on the generator
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Power outage • Flooding • Wildfire / Burn • Peak Hurricane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/>Emergency Kit with wet or wildfire <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor NOAA, Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor FIRMS or MODIS for fire watch. <input type="checkbox"/>High period for wildfires <input type="checkbox"/>Start of higher period for hurricanes. /Nor'easters <input type="checkbox"/>Preparation for significant rainfall or storms. <input type="checkbox"/>End-of-month maintenance on the generator
	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Power outage • Flooding • End of Wildfire / Burn • Peak Hurricane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/>Emergency Kit with wet or wildfire <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor NOAA, Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/>Monitor FIRMS or MODIS for fire watch. <input type="checkbox"/>Start of winding down period for wildfires. End of burn restrictions in Nova Scotia. <input type="checkbox"/>Higher period for hurricanes or Nor'easters. <input type="checkbox"/>Preparation for significant rainfall or storms. <input type="checkbox"/>End-of-month maintenance on the generator.

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	November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Power outage • Flooding • Coming out of Hurricane 	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Kit with wet or wildfire <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor NOAA, Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor FIRMS or MODIS for fire watch. <input type="checkbox"/> Start of winding down period for wildfires <input type="checkbox"/> Winding down period for hurricanes but Nor'easters likely to persist until April. <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation for significant rainfall or storms. <input type="checkbox"/> End-of-month maintenance on the generator.
	December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe storm • Ice / Snow • Power outage • Flooding 	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Kit with cold or wet <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor NOAA, Environment Canada and Windy <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden coastal storms, including Nor'easters <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation for significant rainfall or storms that may lead to enhanced flooding if the ground is frozen. <input type="checkbox"/> End-of-month maintenance on the generator.

Mother Nature doesn't necessarily keep a consistent schedule. Check the resources page for organizations that will provide seasonal updates.

This data was based on what appear to be trends (including increased instability) over the past ten years. This gives it some credibility from a weather perspective, but it is a pretty small sample from a climate perspective. Consider this to be a "best guess."

Something else to consider is that regardless of the challenges along the Shore, it's pretty incredible country. Enjoy it. While it's important to be prepared for things, it's just as important not to lose perspective and suddenly become over-focused. Think of basic preparedness as sort of a marathon with the odd periods of shorter sprints when needed.

Other Notes: