



Gutters before hurricane season

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, according to the National Hurricane Center. Summer storms push a lot of water through gutters in a short time. When a gutter or downspout is blocked, the water spills over the edge instead and can soak the fascia boards, stain the walls and collect next to the foundation.

Before June

- Have the gutters cleaned and the downspouts flushed with water before the season starts.
- Check that each downspout carries the water away from the house.
- Look for loose hangers, sagging runs and leaking seams, and get them fixed.
- Trim branches that hang over the roof, so fewer leaves land in the gutters.

During the season

- After a big storm, look for new debris in the gutters and on the roof edge.
- Watch where the water goes during heavy rain: overflowing gutters mean a blockage.

Stay safe

Ladder work is risky. If you are not comfortable on a ladder or the house has two or three stories, call a professional.

Source: [National Hurricane Center: tropical cyclone climatology](#)

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