

Hurricane Season Prep for Your Major Appliances: A Jacksonville Homeowner's 2026 Guide

Quick reference guide by Max Appliance Repair Jacksonville

48 hours before landfall

Set fridge and freezer to coldest settings. Fill empty freezer with sealed water jugs. Photograph contents for insurance. Eat or move perishables.

24 hours before landfall

Run final laundry load. Shut off washer hot and cold valves. Clean dryer lint trap and vent. Run dishwasher empty and crack door.

Just before landfall

Unplug refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, washer, dryer. Switch off breaker for hardwired range or wall oven.

During the outage

Keep refrigerator and freezer closed. Closed fridge holds 4 hours. Full freezer holds 48 hours. Throw out perishables above 40 degrees longer than 4 hours.

After power returns

Wait 10 minutes. Plug in refrigerator first, alone, for 5 minutes. Then dishwasher, washer, dryer, microwave one at a time. Run dryer empty 5 minutes before laundry.

If flooded

Do not plug in any appliance that touched storm surge. Call a certified technician within 48 hours before corrosion sets in.

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