

Starlink Emergency Readiness Checklist

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Complete each section BEFORE storm season. Check each box when done.

SECTION 1: Hardware Setup (do once after receiving kit)

- Order Starlink kit at starlink.com**
~\$349-\$599 one-time hardware cost
- Use Starlink app obstruction checker before ordering**
Need clear view of northern sky
- Mount dish (ground stake, roof, or wall mount)**
- Run cable from dish to router inside home**
- Plug in router and complete app setup**
- Run speed test — confirm 50 Mbps or better**
- Write Wi-Fi name and password on a card**

SECTION 2: Wi-Fi Calling (enable on every phone in household)

- iPhone: Settings > Phone > Wi-Fi Calling > ON**
- Android: Settings > Connections > Mobile Networks > Wi-Fi Calling > ON**
- Test: make a call while on Starlink Wi-Fi**
Sounds identical to normal cell call
- Confirm 911 works over Wi-Fi Calling**
Dispatcher receives your registered home address
- Enable Wi-Fi Calling on ALL phones in household**

SECTION 3: Standby Mode (\$10/month keeps it ready all year)

- Verify setup works, then log into starlink.com**
- Go to Service Plans > select Standby Mode (\$10/month)**
- Write Starlink login on a card, store with important docs**
- Write reactivation reminder on a card:**
"When storm enters region: starlink.com > Service Plans > Reactivate Residential"

SECTION 4: Power Backup

- Choose power source:**
Generator (1,000W+ min) OR battery station (1,000Wh+ recommended) OR whole-home standby
- Confirm output is 120V AC pure sine wave**
- Test: run Starlink from backup power 30 minutes**
Draws 50-75W. 1,000Wh station = ~14 hrs runtime.
- Optional: add 200W solar panel for multi-day outages**
Florida sun generates ~1,000Wh/day — enough for Starlink + phone charging

SECTION 5: Neighbor Coordination

- Tell 2-3 immediate neighbors you have Starlink**
- Give neighbors your Wi-Fi name and password on a card**
They can connect from your driveway if needed
- Set up neighborhood Facebook group or group text for storm updates**

SECTION 6: Annual Check (every February before storm season)

- Reactivate full Residential service for one month to verify system**
- Run speed test and make a Wi-Fi test call**
- Inspect dish — check for physical damage or debris**
- Reseat cable connections at dish and at router**
- Charge battery station 100%, run Starlink from it 2 hours, check %**
- Verify Wi-Fi Calling is still ON on all phones**
Phone software updates can reset this setting
- Confirm Starlink account login works at starlink.com**
- Clean solar panel surface with damp cloth if you have one**
- Switch back to Standby Mode (\$10/month) when done**

SECTION 7: When a Storm Threatens (5+ days before predicted landfall)

- Log into starlink.com > reactivate Residential service**
Do this 5+ days out — NOT 24 hours before landfall
- Charge battery station to 100%**
- Confirm Wi-Fi Calling is ON on all phones**
- Alert neighbors that your Starlink is active and available**
- Category 4-5 direct hit: dismount dish and store indoors**
Reconnect after storm. Use ground stake as temp mount.

SECTION 8: After the Storm

- Do NOT go on roof until structurally confirmed safe**
- Check dish from ground with binoculars before roof access**
- File FEMA assistance at disasterassistance.gov via Starlink**
- Check shelter/distribution locations at disasterassistance.gov**
- Post neighborhood update to Facebook group or Nextdoor**
- If dish damaged: contact Starlink support via app**
Replacement dish ~\$200-\$300. Check homeowner insurance too.