

HURRICANE CATEGORIES



Category 1

Winds of 73-95 mph. Storm surge of 4-5 feet. Expected damage includes inundation of low-lying coastal areas, small craft in exposed anchorages torn from moorings, some pier damage.

Category 2

Winds 96-110 mph. Storm surge of 6-8 feet. Damage estimates include coastal roads and low-lying escape route located inland being cut off by rising water two to four hours before the arrival of the center of the hurricane. Some damage to windows, doors and roofing materials.

Category 3

Winds of 111-130 mph. Storm surge of 9-12 feet. Damage esti-

mates are the same as category 2. Mobile homes are destroyed. Major damage to windows, doors, and roofing materials.

Category 4

Winds of 131-155 mph. Storm surge of 13-18 feet. Low-lying escape routes inland will be cut off by rising water three to five hours before the center of the hurricane arrives. Major damage to the lower floors of buildings near shores caused by flooding and battering near shores caused by flooding and battering by waves and flying debris. Collapse of roofs of many residences.

Category 5

Winds over 155 mph. Storm

surge 18 feet. Damage same as Category 4. Small buildings will be overturned or blown away. Extensive shattering of glass in windows and doors. Some buildings will collapse.

TROPICAL STORM WARNING

Sustained winds of 39-73 mph expected within 24 hours or less

HURRICANE WATCH

First notice hurricane may threaten within 36 hours. Begin preparations.

HURRICANE WARNING

Issued when the eye of a hurricane is expected within 24 hours. Preparations should be complete.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

WHAT CAN'T BE REPLACED?

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If you had to evacuate in 5 minutes, what would you take with you and what is most important to you?

Use this list to help you decide what should be in a waterproof container that can easily be taken with you if you leave quickly:

Birth, marriage, divorce, death certificates, Social security information, Insurance policies (life, house, car, boat, etc.).

WHAT CAN'T BE REPLACED?

Mortgage, deed information, Bank account information, stocks, bonds, investment papers. Also auto & boat registrations, tax returns for at least 2 years.

Personal items such as:

Photographs, baby books, scrapbooks, family bible & religious items are also considered irreplaceable.

DO YOU KNOW HOW to....

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Turn off the electricity?

Turn off the water?

Turn off the gas?

Change the battery in your smoke detector?

Turn off the water in your community?

Clear a storm drain?

Avoid being injured by possible live wires?

Help others in an emergency?

Who would you help?

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2009 HURRICANE SEASON GUIDE

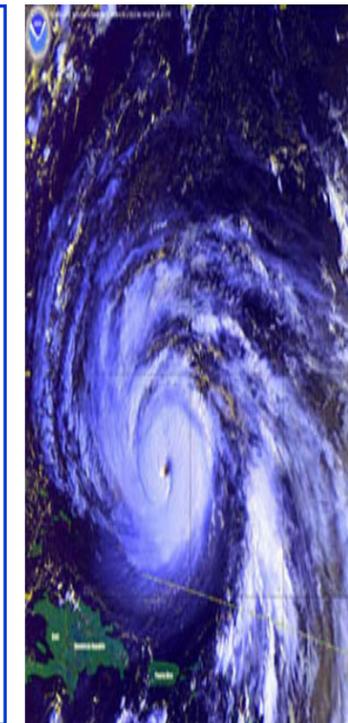
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NOAA: 2009 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook

"NOAA forecasters say a near-normal Atlantic hurricane season is most likely this year. However, as with any season, the need to prepare for the possibility of a storm striking near you is essential."

"Today, more than 35 million Americans live in regions most threatened by Atlantic hurricanes," Commerce Secretary Gary Locke said. "Timely and accurate warnings of severe weather help save lives and property. Public awareness and public preparedness are the best defenses against a hurricane."



THE START OF THE SEASON

- Cut back trees and clear excess vegetation from yard before June 1
- Clear gutters and downspouts
- Review and secure all insurance policies
- Inventory your home, take pictures inside and outside
- Develop a family disaster plan, include your pets
- Keep emergency telephone numbers near your telephone
- Stay tuned to local media for weather information

EMERGENCY HURRICANE PHONE NUMBERS

Fire/Police/Emergency

911

Florida Power & Light

697-8000

American Red Cross

833-7711

Town of Haverhill

689-0370

Traffic Information

511

Community Resources

211

Family

Church



Have plenty of batteries on hand for all emergency equipment. AND keep in mind that all battery operated TV's that are NOT digital will no longer work.

If winds become strong, go to an interior first-floor room such as a bathroom or closet



BEFORE THE STORM

- Fill cars with gasoline
- Get cash for 7 days
- Secure any outside furniture, toys, etc. which may become projectiles
- Secure storm shutters over windows
- Review working condition of emergency equipment - cell phones, flashlights, battery-powered radios, etc.
- Learn locations of and routes to official shelters. If told to evacuate, DO SO!
- If you stay home, turn refrigerator to maximum cold and only open when necessary
- Fill your bathtub with water and several large containers with water for sanitary purposes
- Ensure enough non-perishable food and drinking water supplies are on hand for 7 days
- Have sufficient prescription medicines and medical supplies on hand

DURING THE STORM

- Listen closely to the radio or TV for official information
- Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered
- Close all interior doors, secure and brace exterior doors
- If you are in a two-story building, go to an interior first-floor room such as a bathroom or closet
- If the storm becomes intense, lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object
- Remain calm and reassure pets and loved ones with you
- Stay inside until emergency officials issue the

“all clear”



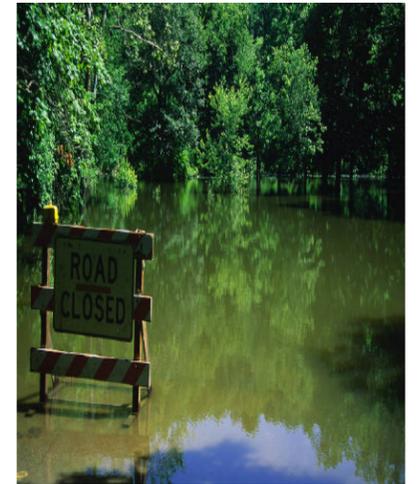
IF YOU GO TO A SHELTER

If you decide to go to a shelter or even to a friend's house for the duration of the storm, take supplies with you such as: First Aid kit, medicine, food/water for 7 days, baby food/diapers, cards, games & books, toiletries, blankets & sleeping bag, identification, cash & insurance information, not to mention flashlights, batteries & portable radio. Please note that when planning to go to a special needs shelter that pre-registration is required. You may call **712-6440 to register**. You may also visit www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/eoc for more info.

If you have a pets, you will need pet food, litter (if it's a cat) medication, bedding & toys, etc.. Please note that when planning to bring your pet to a “pet friendly” shelter that pre-registration is required. You may call the **Pet Friendly Shelter at (561) 233-1200** to register your pets.

AFTER THE STORM

- Do not leave your home or shelter until emergency officials tell you it is safe.
- Be sure to display the door hanger that was sent to you by the Town of Haverhill's Emergency Management Committee. **Pink** side out if you **need assistance** and **YELLOW** side out if you **do NOT need assistance**.
- If your house is open to the elements or you fear it may collapse, evacuate.
- Watch your step. The area may have broken debris or strange animals.
- Avoid standing water. It could be electrically charged by downed power lines or contain sewage or chemicals.
- Do not drive on flooded roads. 6" of water can cause loss of control and disguise pot holes and canals.
- Traffic lights will probably be out. Treat every corner as a four way stop.
- Watch your pets carefully. They may be disoriented in the altered environment
- Use cell phones sparingly. Regular phone service may be tied up with emergency calls.



SAFETY FIRST

Use flashlight or emergency lighting. Never use candles or other flammable products indoors.

Run generators and charcoal grills outside only. They emit toxic gases inside.

Assess your damage carefully. Make notes and take pictures before any repairs are done. Save your receipts for supplies and repair services. Contact your insurance agent to send an adjuster for inspection.

If someone needs to be rescued, call professionals who will have the right equipment to

help. Many people have been injured or killed trying to rescue others in flooded areas. Have professionals check gas, water and electrical lines and appliances for damage.

Contact your loved ones and tell them that you are safe.

Be sure to assess your damages carefully by taking notes and pictures before any repairs are done. Taking pictures prior to a hurricane would prove to be a good tool when reporting the damages.

BE PATIENT



ONLINE HURRICANE REFERENCE

FEMA - For information about federal emergency planning and response preparation to a national disaster, please visit www.fema.gov

STATE - For information on disaster preparation and emergency planning at the state level, please visit www.floridadisaster.org. Visit the **SERT** homepage.

COUNTY - For Palm Beach County emergency management information regarding the resources for special needs and sheltering, please visit www.pbc.gov.

LOCAL - For local information for the Town of Haverhill visit www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov.