

Hurricane Safety Tips

BEFORE HURRICANE SEASON STARTS:

- Create a family disaster plan & review all insurance policies.
- Store valuables in a dry and secure place.
- Stock up on canned food.

BEFORE THE STORM:

- Prepare your home for the storm. Secure outdoor material and put up window shutters.
- Fuel vehicles early and get extra cash.
- Plan to evacuate if you live on the coastline, in a mobile home, or a flood plain.
- Notify relatives of your evacuation plan and leave early.

AFTER THE STORM:

- Respond to emergency officials. Be prepared to be away from your residence as long as a couple of weeks or more!
- Once allowed to re-enter area, beware of any remaining debris or flooded areas.
- Most post-hurricane related injuries or fatalities are caused by cleanup or carbon-monoxide poisoning from generators.

Hurricane Terminology

• **TROPICAL WAVE** or **TROPICAL DISTURBANCE** is a collection of thunderstorms in the tropics without a closed circulation. An average of a 100 of these systems cross the Atlantic each season.

• **TROPICAL DEPRESSION** is an un-organized cyclone with winds less than 39 mph.

• **TROPICAL STORM** is a better organized cyclone with winds between 39 and 73 mph.

• **HURRICANE** is a well organized cyclone with winds of 74 mph or greater.

• **TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE WATCH** is issued when these conditions are POSSIBLE within 36 hours.

• **TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE WARNING** is issued when these conditions are EXPECTED within 24 hours.

• **STORM SURGE** is the abnormal rise in sea level before and during a tropical storm or hurricane approach and/or landfall.

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Hurricane Tracking Chart

Storm Names

Arthur	Hanna	Omar
Bertha	Ike	Paloma
Cristobal	Josephine	Rene
Dolly	Kyle	Sally
Edouard	Laura	Teddy
Fay	Marco	Vicky
Gustav	Nana	Wilfred



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