DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

Listen to a battery-operated NOAA weather radio and news reports on television and AM/FM radio.

Recheck supplies in disaster-supply kit.

Fill gas tanks in vehicles.

Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys and garden tools, and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.

Review family disaster plan.

Moor boat in safe area or take out of water.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

Closely monitor battery-operated weather radio and news reports on television and AM/FM radio.

Finish installing storm shutters and storing loose objects on property.

Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting.

Secure outdoor objects such as lawn furniture that could blow away or cause damage or injury.

Residents of manufactured homes should check tie downs and evacuate.

Store water in bathtubs and jugs for flushing toilets.

Store valuables and important documents in waterproof containers.



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CATEGORY 157+

Catastrophic damage will occur:

High percentage of framed homes destroyed with total roof failure and wall collapse

Residential areas isolated by fallen trees and power poles Power outages lasting for weeks or possibly months Most areas uninhabitable for weeks or months

CATEGORY

130-156

Catastrophic damage will occur:

Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most roof structures and/or some exterior walls

Most trees will be snapped or uprooted, and power poles downed.

Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas

Most areas uninhabitable for weeks or months with similar power outages

CATEGORY

111-129 MPH WINDS

Devastating damage will occur:

Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads

Electricity and water unavailable for several days or weeks after the storm

CATEGORY

96-110 MPH WINDS

Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage:

Could sustain major roof and siding damage

Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted Near-total power loss expected and lasting from several days to weeks

CATEGORY

74-95 MPH WINDS

Very dangerous winds will produce some damage:

Could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters Large branches of trees will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled Extensive damage to power lines and poles Likely will result in power outages

HURRICANE & TROPICAL STORM TERMS

Tropical Disturbance

An area of showers and thunderstorms that may have a slight cyclonic circulation (counter-clockwise) and maintains its identity for at least 24 hours.

Tropical Depression

A storm system displaying a noticeable circulation with maximum sustained wind speeds of 38 mph.

Tropical Storm

A storm system with sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph. When reaching tropical storm strength, a storm is given a name to aid in tracking.

Hurricane Watch

Issued by the National Weather Service when there is a threat of hurricane conditions developing in 24-36 hours. Families should begin enacting their hurricane preparations.

Hurricane Warning

Issued when winds of 74 mph or higher are expected within 24 hours. Families should complete their hurricane preparations.