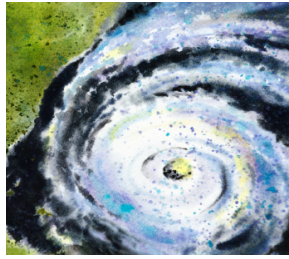


2011 Hurricane Season



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Above-Average Season?

Although no storms hit the United States last year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) believes this season will see 12 to 18 named storms with six to 10 becoming hurricanes, and three to six of those major hurricanes (winds 111 mph or higher). This would be an above-average season, if the predictions become reality.

Forecasters are pointing to a few factors that might make this season above-average:

- 1) We are in a cyclical period of more active storm seasons;
- 2) Water surface temperatures in the Atlantic are higher than normal;
- 3) La Nina is helping to reduce wind shear (wind shear is debilitating to the organization of tropical systems).

For more information on NOAA’s predictions, please visit

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2011/20110519_atlantichurricaneoutlook.html

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Source: The Weather Channel; <http://www.origin.weather.com/outlook/wxready/articles/id-38>

When a hurricane watch or warning has been issued, it's extremely important that you are prepared and know what to do.

If No Evacuation Has Been Ordered

—Get updates from The Weather Channel, weather.com or your local TV or radio station.

—Make sure you have a battery-powered radio, preferably a NOAA weather radio, and listen for up-to-date storm information.

—Keep your Family Emergency Supplies Kit, blankets and sleeping bags with you.

—Keep children and pets indoors.

—Call your family's emergency contact person to report your plans.

—Make sure you have cash and your car has a full tank of gas in case you must evacuate.

—Beware of high winds and flooding.

—If you are not told to evacuate, stay put. Roads should be available for emergency vehicles and those who must evacuate.

—Beware of a false sense of security. If winds die down, this could be the calm before the other half of the storm.



Types of weather radios

Inside the Home

—Fill containers with water from your tap and place them in the refrigerator for drinking water.

—Thoroughly clean bathtub with bleach and fill with water for drinking in case the water supply becomes contaminated.

—Place all valuables and records in a waterproof container and store on the highest floor of your home or in the safest area.

In a Mobile Home

—Recheck tie-downs then leave immediately and take shelter elsewhere.

Outside

—Protect all windows with shutters or plywood. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking, so taping windows is not recommended.

—Anchor objects that could become projectiles in high winds.

If Evacuation Is Advised

—Do not disregard an evacuation notice.

—Turn off water and electric utilities.

—Pack your Family Disaster Supplies Kit, extra blankets and sleeping bags.

—Lock windows and doors before leaving home.

—Follow recommended evacuation routes to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.

—If you are on the immediate coast and in danger of a serious storm surge, but it is too late to evacuate, find a room, closet or alcove without windows on an upper floor for refuge until the storm passes.

—If you are not in a location susceptible to a coastal storm surge, go to an interior room on the lowest floor of the building to protect yourself against wind-related damage.

—Bring bedding, food and water for each family member, even if you plan to stay in a shelter.

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Hurricane News

National Hurricane Center

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Weather Channel

Hurricane Central:

<http://www.weather.com/newscenter/hurricanecentral/update/index.html>

Planning & Recovery Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Disaster resources and assistance:

http://www.hud.gov/info/disasterresources_dev.cfm

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Comprehensive information for disaster preparation and recovery:

<http://www.fema.gov/index.shtm>

Direct link to Disaster Assistance Application:

<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Office of Disaster Assistance: <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/1/2462>

Florida Realtors® Disaster Relief Fund

Realtors, boards, associations and staff can apply for assistance from Florida Realtors® Disaster Relief Fund or make a contribution:

<http://www.floridarealtors.org/AboutFar/DisasterReliefFund/>

Florida Division of Emergency Management

Personalized plans for you, your family or your business, as well as other news and information: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/>

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- Water** - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food** - at least enough for 3 to 7 days
 - non-perishable packaged or canned food/juices
 - foods for infants or the elderly
 - snack foods
 - non-electric can opener
 - cooking tools/fuel
 - paper plates/plastic utensils
- Blankets/Pillows, etc.**
- Clothing** - seasonal/rain gear/sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs**
- Whistle** - to signal for help
- Special Items** - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries/Hygiene items/Moisture wipes**
- Flashlight/Batteries**
- Radio** - battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones** - fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards** - banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys**
- Toys, Books and Games**
- Important documents** - in a waterproof container or watertight re-sealable plastic bag—insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools** - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled**
- Pet care items**
 - proper identification/immunization records /medications
 - ample supply of food and water—a carrier or cage—muzzle and leash