

HURRICANE TIPS

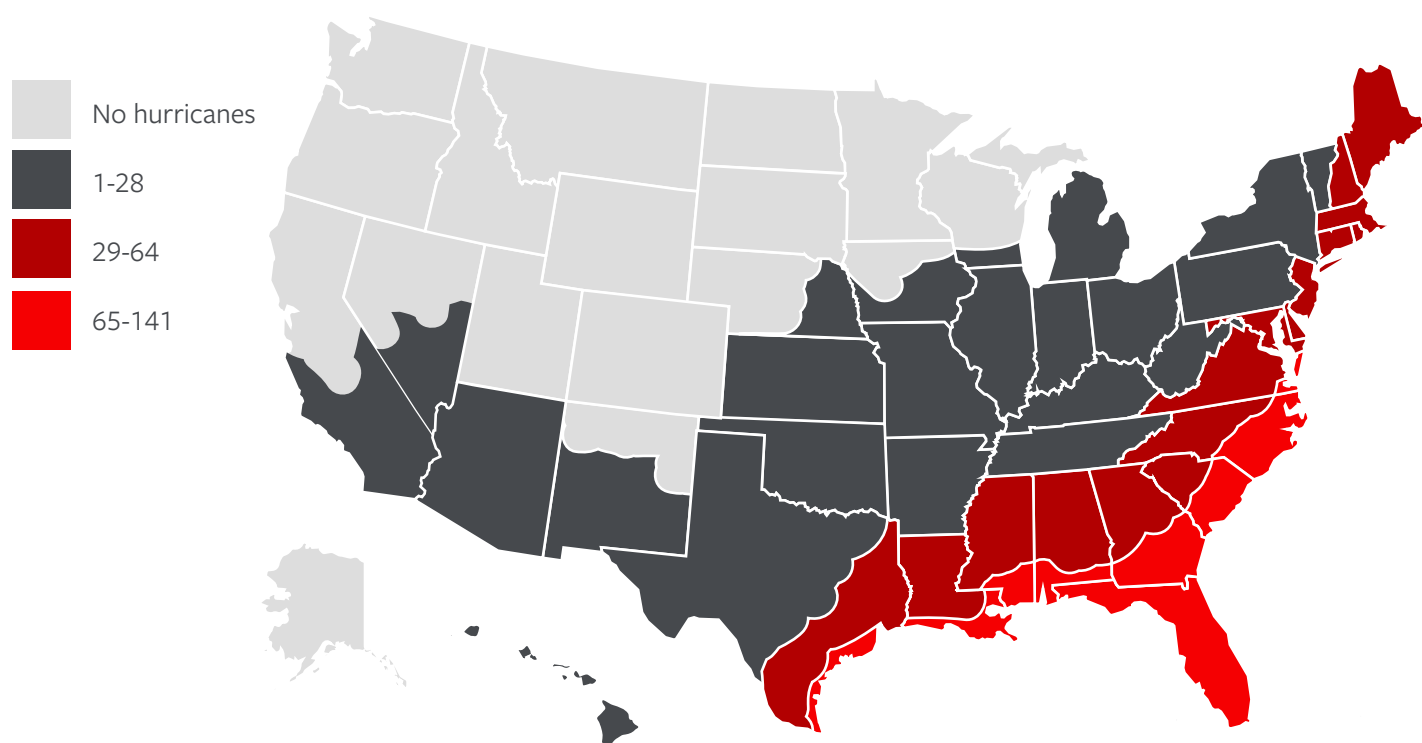
Know the facts so you can prepare

WHEN DO THEY OCCUR?



The official season for the Atlantic hurricane season is June 1 to November 30. The Eastern Pacific hurricane season begins May 15 and ends November 30.¹

HURRICANE & TROPICAL STORM ACTIVITY²



This map depicts the frequency with which areas have experienced a hurricane or tropical storm. Atlantic data is from 1851-2012 and Pacific data is from 1949-2012.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR³



A SUDDEN DROP IN BAROMETRIC PRESSURE



LONG PERIODS OF HEAVY RAINS AND STRONG WINDS



STORM SURGES IN COASTAL AREAS

If a hurricane watch is issued:⁴

- Potential hurricane conditions exist within the next 48 hours.
- Be sure to review your hurricane plans.
- Get ready to respond if a hurricane warning is issued.

If a hurricane warning is issued:⁴

- Hurricane conditions will exist within the next 36 hours.
- Complete storm readiness and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

HOW TO RESPOND⁵



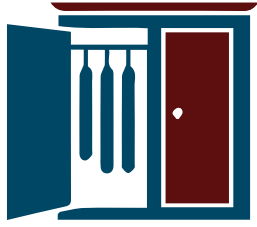
EVACUATE IF LOCAL AUTHORITIES DIRECT YOU TO DO SO.



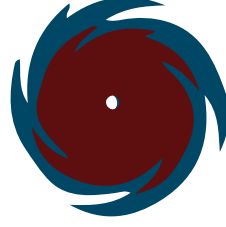
SECURE AND BRACE EXTERNAL DOORS. CLOSE INTERIOR DOORS.



STAY INDOORS, AWAY FROM WINDOWS AND GLASS DOORS, WITH CURTAINS AND BLINDS CLOSED.



TAKE REFUGE IN A SMALL INTERIOR ROOM, CLOSET OR HALLWAY ON THE LOWEST LEVEL.



BEWARE OF ANY LULLS. IF IT IS THE EYE OF THE STORM, WINDS WILL LIKELY PICK UP AGAIN.

HOW DAMAGING ARE THEY?

190⁶

ESTIMATED WIND SPEED (MPH) OF HURRICANE CAMILLE IN 1969. HIGHEST WIND SPEED AT LANDFALL EVER RECORDED.

\$108b⁷

PROPERTY DAMAGES IN DOLLARS FOR HURRICANE KATRINA IN 2005, THE COSTLIEST HURRICANE IN U.S. HISTORY.

20⁸

RECORD FOR MOST DAYS AS A HURRICANE, HELD BY HURRICANE GINGER IN 1971.

108⁹

10-YEAR AVERAGE OF HURRICANE FATALITIES, FROM 2004-2013.

1000¹⁰

RECORD DIAMETER, IN MILES, OF HURRICANE SANDY IN 2012.

96¹¹

NUMBER OF MAJOR HURRICANES (CATEGORIES 3, 4, AND 5) THAT HIT U.S. MAINLAND BETWEEN 1851-2010.

KNOW WHAT TO DO

when it comes to hurricanes

SHARE THIS INFOGRAPHIC with your family, friends and neighbors to help them **#ThinkSafe**.

VISIT travelers.com/prepare-prevent to learn more.

^{1,2} <http://www.community.fema.gov/connect.ti/AmericasPrepareathon/view?objectId=3222032>

³ http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1409003345844-0e142725ea3984938c8c6748dd1598cb/How_To_Prepere_Guide_Hurricane.pdf

⁴ <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/hurricane>

⁵ <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

^{6,7} <http://geology.com/hurricanes/largest-hurricane/>

⁸ <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/pdf/nws-nhc-6.pdf>

⁹ <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/hazstats.shtml>

¹⁰ <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/assessments/pdfs/Sandy13.pdf>

¹¹ <http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/31/world/americas/hurricane-statistics-fast-facts/>

