

There's a hurricane forming...

It's time to pull out your family disaster plan.

Even if you don't have one, there are still things you can do!

Offshore workers and people in low-lying coastal areas and on coastal islands will be evacuated as a precaution. People in mobile homes, if not evacuated, should find more substantial housing. People inside densely populated, leveed areas should consider taking a business trip or visiting relatives to the north. Others may be able to wait for evacuation orders.

WHEREVER YOU ARE, tune the radio to your emergency broadcast station. Use power as long as it is on, and save your batteries.

If the threat is still uncertain:

- Change emergency drinking-water supplies if older than six months. It's OK to fill clean containers with tap water.
- Update phone numbers, addresses, meeting locations and priorities in your family disaster plan.
- Check and refresh your **gear for primitive living**. *
- Check and refresh your **life's necessities**. *
- Collect items you wanted to bring **when you evacuate**. * Pack one bundle per person.
- Locate your window protection panels and the hardware needed to install them.
- Fill the car's gas tank.
- Keep a tire repair kit, small shovel and maps in the car.
- If you have a home garden, harvest all the vegetables that are ripe or close to being ready. (The crop may be destroyed by wind. Vegetables exposed to floodwaters must be discarded.)
- Start bringing unsecured items indoors or lashing them down. (Use your lists.)
- Find the concrete blocks for raising furniture and appliances. Water may wick up the blocks, so put plastic between the blocks and articles placed on top.
- Protect your property from flooding as the threat becomes more certain. (Use your lists.)

* See following lists for items to include in your life's necessities, gear for primitive living and what you'll need when you evacuate.



Take it or leave it

During a hurricane, you need some supplies just to survive. You may have to leave home, and you may find yourself spending a night, or several nights, in a car. After a hurricane, you may be housebound for a week or longer, probably with no electricity. Water may be off or contaminated. Stores may be closed.

Early in hurricane season, gather what you'll need and keep it in a central location - above potential flood level. Don't forget about your pets' needs.

Consider buying an electrical generator to meet your emergency requirements for power. This is particularly important if you must operate medical equipment. It may be the best way to protect your investment in frozen foods.

Life's necessities

At home, on the road or in a typical shelter

Items listed here have a long shelf life but will disappear from stores quickly when hurricane warnings are issued. Gather these supplies now; you'll need to make other preparations as the storm approaches.

- **Drinking water:** At least 2 quarts per person per day. A gallon per person is better.
- **Food:** Nonperishable foods requiring little or no cooking and no refrigeration. Can or jar sizes should be appropriate for one meal with no leftovers. Remember such items as baby food, anything you need for special dietary requirements and a hand-crank can opener. Keep low-volume, high-energy foods on hand, such as granola bars, raisins and peanut butter.
- **Prescription medicines:** Keep ample supplies and a list of prescription numbers, doctors and pharmacists, along with their phone numbers.
- **Medical devices, such as pacemakers:** List styles and serial numbers.

Gear for primitive living

Whether at home or evacuating by car

- Battery-operated flashlights with extra batteries and bulbs
- Hurricane lamps, lanterns and camp stoves, along with appropriate fuel (Try to avoid candles.)
- Insect repellent
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Portable radio with extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Fuel for your electrical generator and outdoor grill
- Ice chest
- Disposable plates, cups, utensils, etc.
- Diapers, wipes, plastic bags
- Toilet paper and feminine products

These are things you'll be glad you brought

When you evacuate

in addition to life's necessities

- Clean clothing, towels and blankets** - enough for the family for 3-4 days. Be sure to include children's clothing and sturdy, comfortable shoes for everyone.
- Toiletries:** Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, hair ties, bands or clips, moist towelettes.
- Entertainment:** Games, reading material, knitting or sewing, toys and writing, drawing or needlework materials to help pass the time.
- An extra set of car keys**
- Credit card, cash or travelers checks:** If possible, set aside a credit card you don't use often - one with enough credit available to sustain you for a few days or a week
- Special items** for infants, the elderly and family members with disabilities
- Identification** showing your address. Re-entry to a disaster area often is restricted to residents of the area. Keep proof with you.



Listen to Local Officials

Each community subject to a hurricane threat has a hurricane safety plan. Find out about your community's plan, and make it part of your family plan.

The local emergency management officials have the most up-to-date information for your area.

Follow their recommendations before, during and after a hurricane.

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101.9 FM

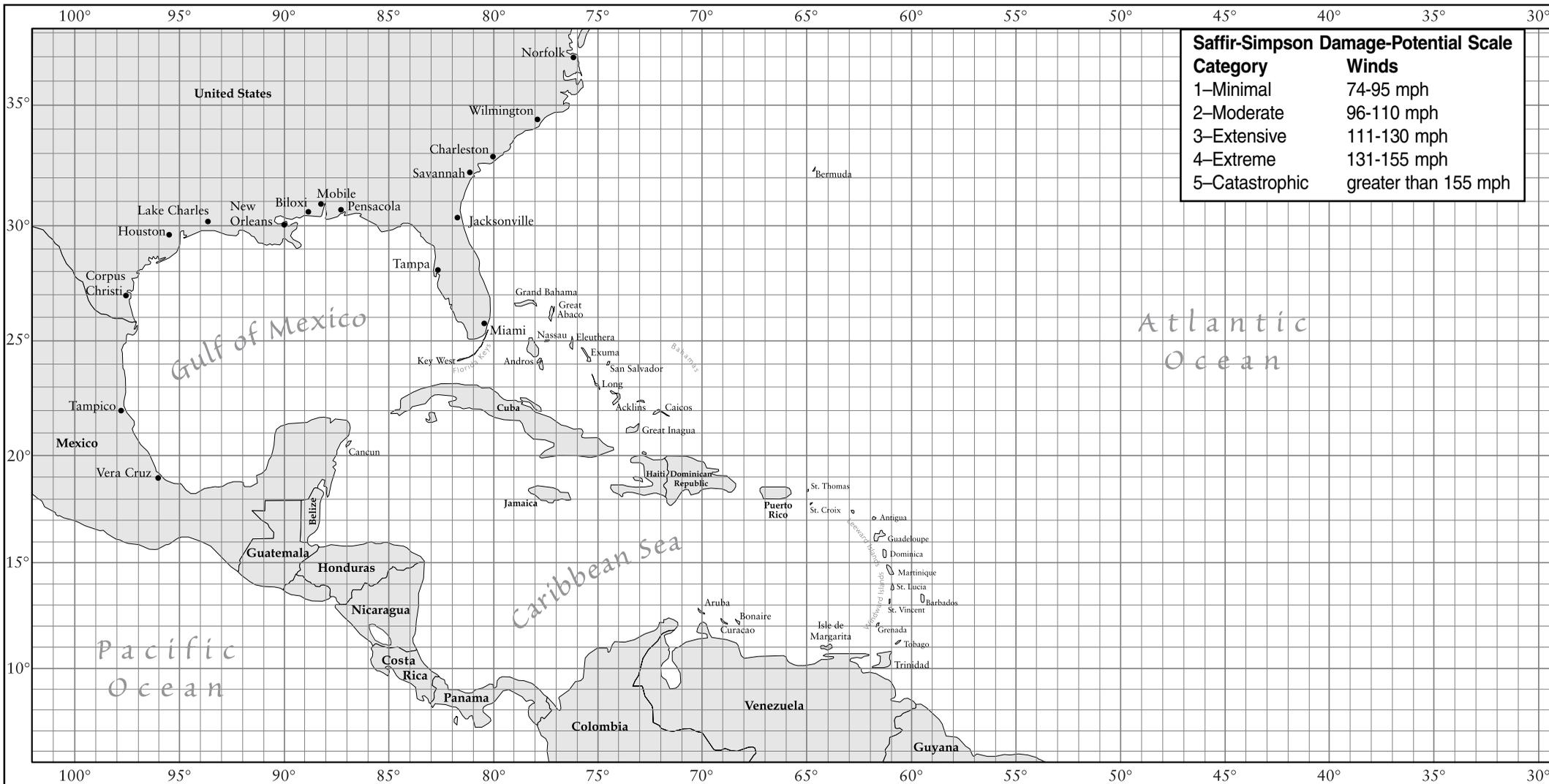
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Saffir-Simpson Damage-Potential Scale	
Category	Winds
1—Minimal	74-95 mph
2—Moderate	96-110 mph
3—Extensive	111-130 mph
4—Extreme	131-155 mph
5—Catastrophic	greater than 155 mph

Selected Louisiana Parishes
(most affected by hurricanes and tropical storms)

Emergency Management Offices

Acadia	(337) 783-4357
Ascension	(225) 621-8360
Assumption	(985) 369-7386
Calcasieu	(337) 721-3800
Cameron	(337) 775-5111
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St. Mary	(985) 385-2600
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Vermilion	(337) 898-4308

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Assumption	(985) 369-6386
Calcasieu	(337) 475-8812
Cameron	(337) 775-5516
Iberia	(337) 369-4441
Iberville	(225) 687-5155
Jefferson	(504) 838-1170
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Lafayette	(337) 291-7090
Lafourche	(985) 446-1316
Orleans	(504) 278-7495
Plaquemines	(504) 433-3664
St. Bernard	(504) 278-4234
St. Charles	(985) 785-4473
St. James	(225) 562-2320
St. John the Baptist	(985) 497-3261
St. Martin	(337) 332-2181
St. Mary	(337) 828-4100
St. Tammany	(985) 875-2635
Terrebonne	(985) 873-6495
Vermilion	(337) 898-4335



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Useful Web sites:

- LSU AgCenter • www.LSUAgCenter.com
- www.LouisianaFloods.org
- Sea Grant Haz-Net • www.haznet.org

- LSU Hurricane Center • www.hurricane.lsu.edu
- National Hurricane Center • www.nhc.noaa.gov
- Federal Emergency Management Agency • www.fema.gov

Hurricane Tracking Chart

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