

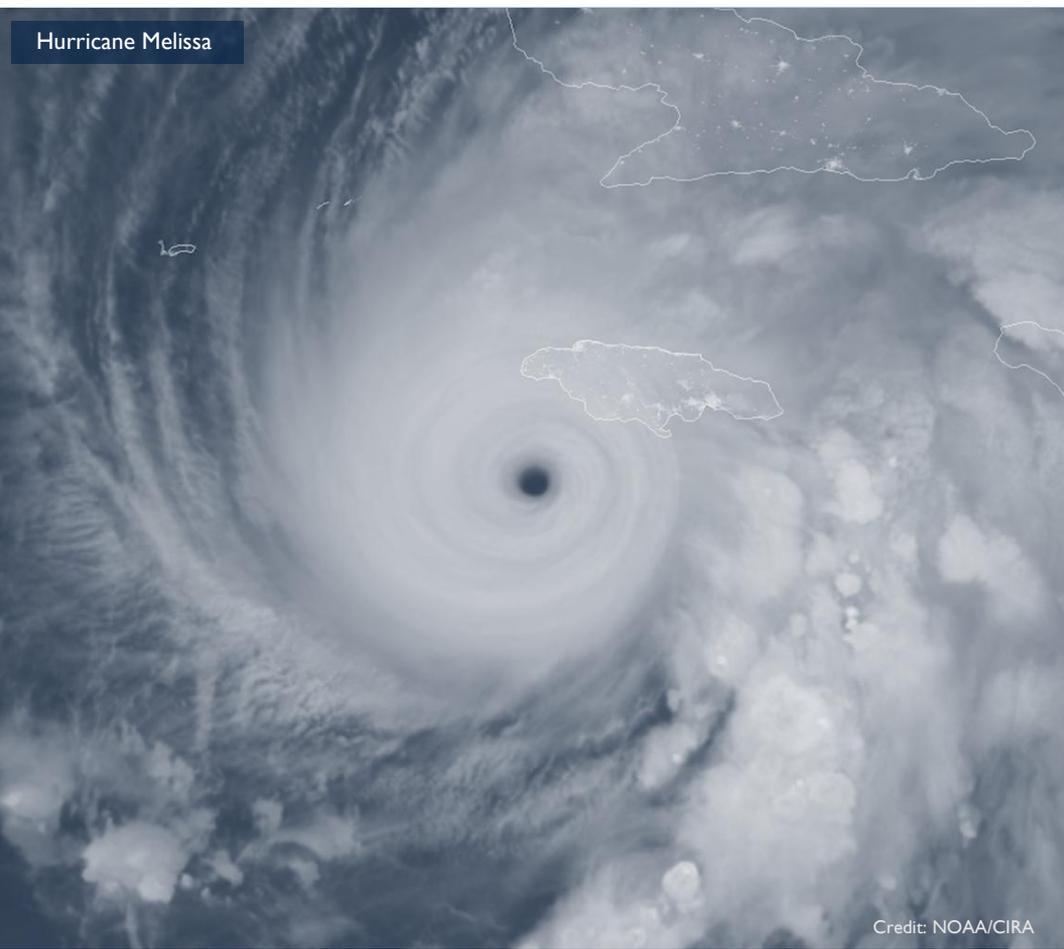


The Official South Texas

# HURRICANE GUIDE

2026

Hurricane Melissa



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***EVERY STORM. EVERY YEAR.  
A DIFFERENT STORY.***

[WEATHER.GOV/CORPUSCHRISTI](https://www.weather.gov/corpuschristi)

# A Letter to Residents

Dear Residents of South Texas,

Living here means we share a deep respect for the Gulf. We know the beauty of our coast, but we also know the risks. As we approach the 2026 hurricane season, the theme guiding our preparations is simple but vital: **Every Storm. Every Year. A Different Story.**

No two storms are alike. Some bring punishing winds that test our roofs; others bring slow, relentless rains that test our drainage systems. Then there are the storms that push water in from the Gulf—deadly storm surge—or spin up tornadoes in neighborhoods hundreds of miles from the eye. The reality is, we never know exactly which "story" the season will write. This year, I want to talk to you about how the science of predicting these storms is changing—and what that means for your family's safety.

**A New Era of Forecasting** While the forecast maps you see may look familiar, the technology powering them has advanced. Artificial Intelligence is continually improving our ability to predict a storm's path and help determine when it may undergo rapid intensification. This improved accuracy gives us a clearer picture of a storm's potential earlier than ever before. However, better data only saves lives if we use the extra time to act.

**Know Your Risks** Technology changes, but our risks in South Texas do not. While wind often gets the attention, water is statistically the deadlier threat.

- **Storm Surge & Flooding:** Storm surge can cut off escape routes hours before the eye arrives, while heavy rains can flood neighborhoods far inland.
- **Tornadoes:** Hurricanes often spawn fast-moving tornadoes in their outer bands, causing damage far from the storm's center.

**Your Role in Resilience** We can't stop the storms, but we can influence our outcome. Please take time now to review your plan.

- **Check your insurance:** Flood insurance takes **30 days** to go into effect. If you wait until a storm is named, it is too late.
- **Get connected:** Set up emergency alerts on your phone today.
- **Fortify your home:** Visit **FLASH.org** for resources on strengthening your property.

This guide is another tool in your kit, helping you prepare for whatever "story" this hurricane season writes.

Stay safe, stay informed, and stay ready.

*Cory Mottice*

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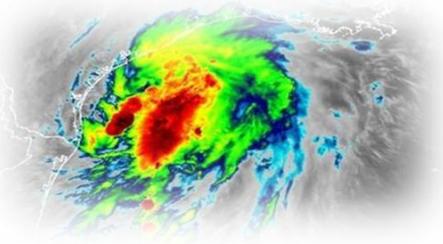
# Hurricane Names

Have you ever wondered how a hurricane gets its name? The National Hurricane Center actually does not name tropical storms and hurricanes. Instead, the names are established by the World Meteorological Organization and then rotated every six years. If a storm is too deadly or costly, the name will be retired. If all names in a season are used up, then a supplemental list of new names will be used instead of the Greek alphabet.

2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Arthur	Ana	Alex	Arlene	Alberto
Bertha	Bill	Bonnie	Bret	Brianna
Cristobal	Claudette	Colin	Cindy	Chris
Dolly	Danny	Danielle	Don	Debby
Edouard	Elsa	Earl	Emily	Ernesto
Fay	Fred	Farrah	Franklin	Francine
Gonzalo	Grace	Gaston	Gert	Gordon
Hanna	Henri	Hermine	Harold	Holly
Isaias	Imani	Idris	Idalia	Isaac
Josephine	Julian	Julia	Jose	Joyce
Kyle	Kate	Karl	Katia	Kirk
Leah	Larry	Lisa	Lee	Leslie
Marco	Mindy	Martin	Margot	Miguel
Nana	Nicholas	Nicole	Nigel	Nadine
Omar	Odette	Owen	Ophelia	Oscar
Paulette	Peter	Paula	Philippe	Patty
Rene	Rose	Richard	Rina	Rafael
Sally	Sam	Shary	Sean	Sara
Teddy	Teresa	Tobias	Tammy	Tony
Vicky	Victor	Virgine	Vince	Valerie
Wilfred	Wanda	Walter	Whitney	William

For a printable hurricane tracking map, please click on this [link](#).

# Are You Ready?



Take this assessment to find out if you're ready for this year's hurricane season!

	Yes	No
Do you know where you and your family would go if you have to evacuate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have emergency plans for your pet(s)? Most shelters do not allow pets and many animal clinics will close if they are also in harm's way.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you take medicine, do you have a 7-day supply of medications or prescription drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have flashlights? Don't forget batteries!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have at least a 3-day supply of drinking water and basic, non-perishable foods available? Allow one gallon of water per person per day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you have cash available if power outages disrupt normal services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you already have plywood or other materials to protect your windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your insurance policy updated for new valuables or housing improvements? Consider taking photos or videos of your belongings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have your family's personal records and documents stored in a waterproof container?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a generator? Even a tropical storm can disrupt power to your home for several days.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How many YES responses do you have?

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 8 or more | Very good! You're more prepared than most people!                           |
| 5 to 7    | Not bad. Look into how you can improve this.                                |
| 4 or less | Let's get serious about preparing now! Don't wait until the storm develops. |

# NHC Forecast Cone Graphic

A new look of the National Hurricane Center's 3 and 5 day operational cone graphic was implemented last year (August 2024).

You may be asking yourself, what has changed? This revised graphic now includes inland U.S. tropical storm and hurricane watches and warnings. The primary purpose being to better visualize the wind hazard risk inland. Keep in mind that there may be times during the hurricane season that this graphic will not be immediately available with each advisory update as it will take some time to compile all of the watch and warning information.



Other than the annual minor adjustment of the cone size based on recent NHC track forecast errors, the cone graphic will stay the same as it was newly implemented last year. The cone graphic will now always depict both coastal and inland tropical storm and hurricane watches and warnings, along with the track cone itself.

Users are encouraged to provide feedback to the NHC. This

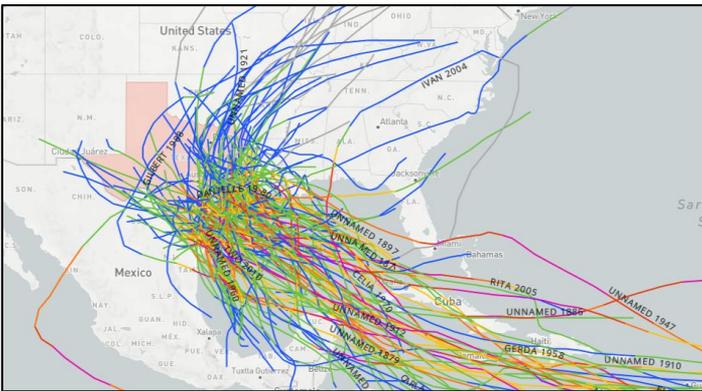
feedback will help the NHC make any changes necessary to the graphic in order to enhance and add clarity to tropical threats both along the coast and inland. Hopefully you all find this new style extremely beneficial as we navigate through the 2025 hurricane season.

# About Hurricanes



Above: High resolution satellite image of Hurricane Hanna approaching the Middle Texas Coast on July 25, 2020. Image--NOAA

Hurricanes form over warm ocean waters, like those found in the Gulf of America. The hurricane season starts June 1 and ends November 30. The peak threat for the Texas coast exists from August through September. However, hurricanes can and have struck the Texas coast during every month of the hurricane season.



Above: Historical perspective of hurricane landfalls in the state of Texas since 1851. 63 hurricanes have impacted the Texas Coast during this time, 22 of these were major.

# Hurricane Surf and Rip Currents

## Hurricane Surf



- Rip Currents are the leading water hazard for all beach goers and result in over 100 drownings every year in the United States.
- Hurricane Surf is especially dangerous because the strength and size of rip currents are related to the size of the surf and wave periods.
- Along the Middle Texas Coast in 2020, Hurricane Hanna and Tropical Storm Beta contributed to two fatalities because of rip currents.
- Thus, when there is a tropical storm or hurricane in the Gulf, it's advised to stay out of the water!

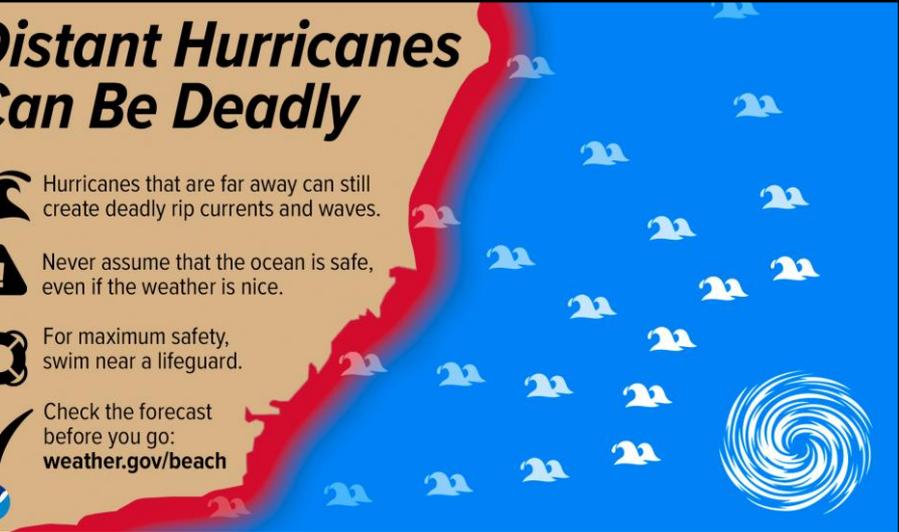
### ***Distant Hurricanes Can Be Deadly***

 Hurricanes that are far away can still create deadly rip currents and waves.

 Never assume that the ocean is safe, even if the weather is nice.

 For maximum safety, swim near a lifeguard.

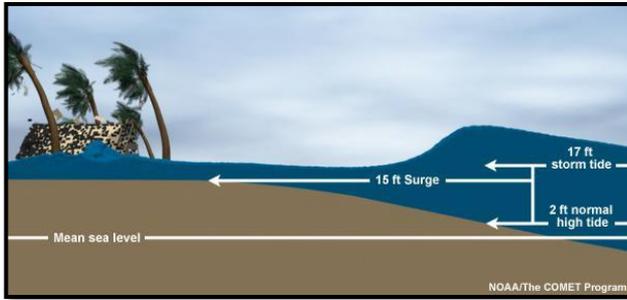
 Check the forecast before you go:  
[weather.gov/beach](https://www.weather.gov/beach)



[Rip Current Awareness Page](#)

## What is Storm Surge?

Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides. This rise in water level can cause extreme flooding in coastal areas resulting in storm tides reaching up to 20 feet or more in some cases. Along the Texas coast, these flood waters can penetrate far inland depending on the elevation of the land. If the storm tide is greater than the land elevation (even if well inland) then storm surge flooding will be possible.

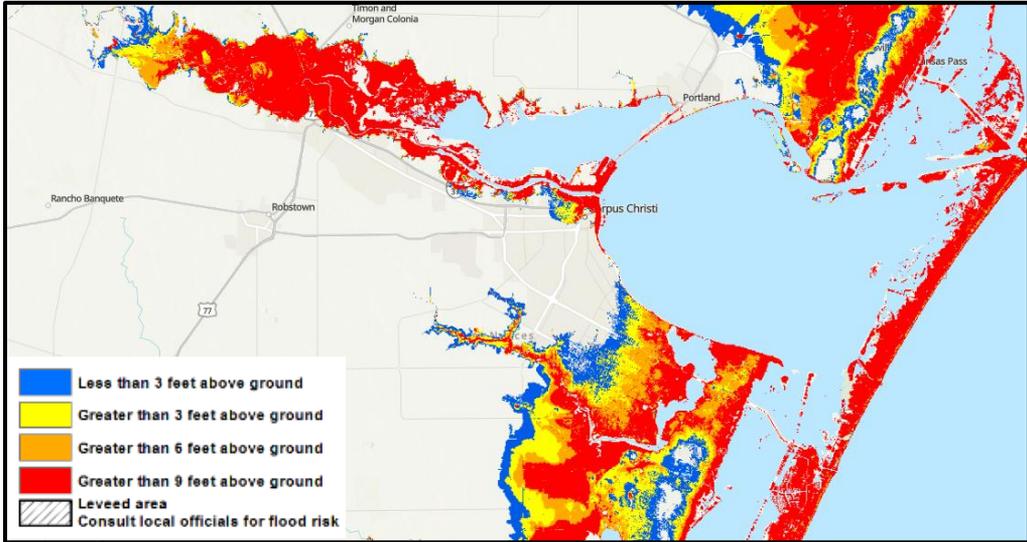


## Storm Surge Can Be Deadly! Here are 6 Tips to be Ready

1. **Extreme Danger:** Surge is the top hurricane threat to life and property; six inches of water can knock over an adult, and two feet can sweep away vehicles.
2. **Rapid Impact:** Water levels can rise in minutes, flooding vast areas and cutting off evacuation options.
3. **Independent of Category:** The Saffir-Simpson scale only measures wind; any hurricane category can produce a lethal storm surge.
4. **Inland Reach:** Low-lying areas many miles from the coast are vulnerable; check your surge zone now.
5. **Timing:** Water can rise 36+ hours before landfall and remain dangerous after the storm passes; evacuate early.
6. **No Rescue:** Emergency responders likely cannot reach you during the peak of a surge event.

**For more information about storm surge,  
please see this NHC Storm Surge Video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBa9bVYKLP0>**

## Corpus Christi



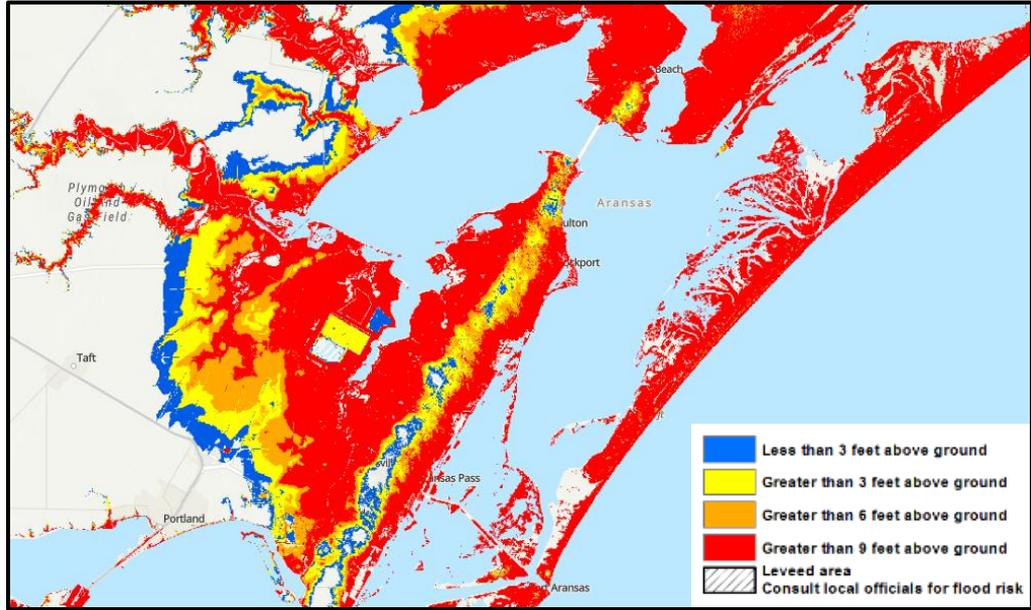
Above: This map shows the height above ground the water could reach and depicts the reasonable worst-case scenario from storm surge flooding.

**“The greatest potential for loss of life related to a hurricane is from the storm surge.”**

**-National Hurricane Center**

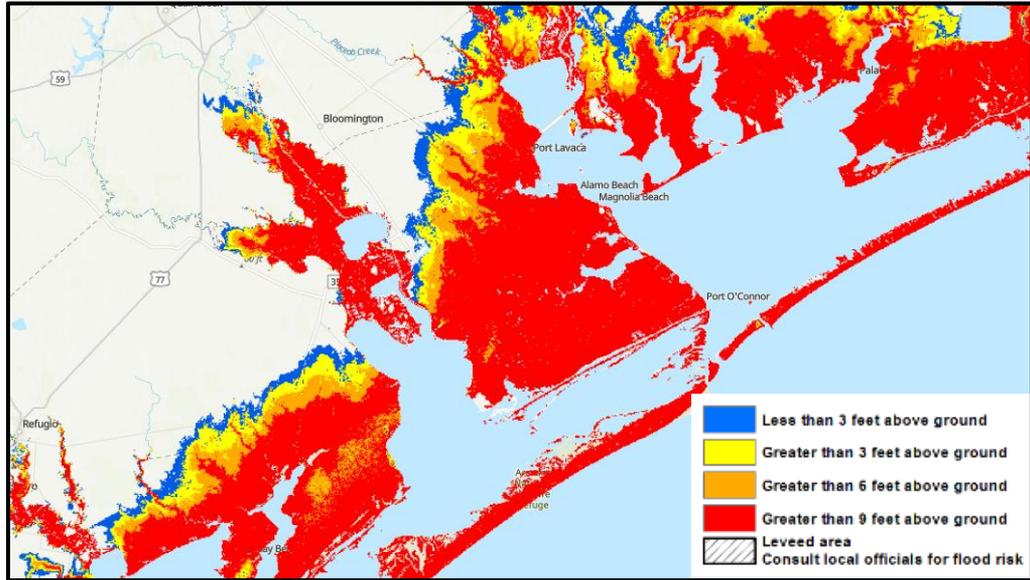
# Storm Surge

## Rockport/Port Aransas



Above: This map shows the height above ground the water could reach and depicts the reasonable worst-case scenario from storm surge flooding.

## Port Lavaca



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**Click below for more high resolution storm surge maps:**

**[National Storm Surge Hazard Maps](#)**

# Inland Flooding

There are numerous examples of significant flooding caused by landfalling tropical cyclones in Texas. Storms with a slow forward motion are the most dangerous as heavy rains persist for a longer period of time.

## Five Practical Ways to Protect Yourself and Others From the Dangers of Inland Flooding

1. **Secure Valuables:** Store items in locked plastic tubs; aim to move all valuables within 15 minutes.
2. **Get Insurance:** Use the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to cover replaceable items. For more information see [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)
3. **Flood-Proof Your Home:** Shut off the main circuit breaker to prevent electrocution and move expensive items to the attic or high shelves.
4. **Develop a Family Plan:** Establish evacuation routes and communication methods with family and friends; keep a battery-powered radio for power outages.
5. **Never Drive on Flooded Roads:** If you encounter water, "Turn Around, Don't Drive!"



# Tornadoes and Destructive Winds

Tropical cyclones also produce tornadoes. These tornadoes most often occur in thunderstorms embedded in rain bands well away from the center of the hurricane; however, they can also occur near the eyewall. Tornadoes produced by tropical cyclones are relatively weak and short-lived, but still pose a threat.

Hurricane force winds of 74 mph or more can destroy buildings, mobile homes, trees and power poles. Debris such as signs, roofing material, siding, and small items left outside become flying missiles in a hurricane. The strongest winds occur in a region of the hurricane called the eyewall. Wind gusts in the right side of the eyewall are the most destructive. Hurricane force winds can be felt as far as 150 miles from the coast



Above: Damage to the community of Copano Village in Aransas County, TX in the wake of Hurricane Harvey in 2017.



Above: Destroyed mobile home in Refugio County, TX during Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

## MOBILE HOME RESIDENTS MUST EVACUATE!

- No mobile home or manufactured home - no matter how new it is - can provide safe shelter from hurricane force winds.
- Straps or other tie-downs will not protect a mobile home from the high winds associated with a hurricane.
- Mobile home residents must evacuate when told to do so by local authorities.

## Saffir Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale

- Category 1 - Winds 74 to 95 mph
- Category 2 - Winds 96 to 110 mph
- Category 3 - Winds 111 to 129 mph
- Category 4 - Winds 130 to 156 mph
- Category 5 - Winds 157 mph or higher

# Hurricane Preparation

## Home Preparation

### Elevation Matters

- Know the elevation of your home! Are you in a flood and/or evacuation zone?

### Mobile Homes

- Check tie-downs for rust or breakage.
- Residents of mobile homes must evacuate when told to do so!!

### Landscaping

- Trim trees, shrubbery and dead limbs, especially ones close to your home.
- Repair or replace broken or damaged fences.

### Roofing

- Inspect the roof for loose tiles, shingles or debris. Consider replacing old or damaged shingles with new ones rated for hurricane force winds.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.

### Doors

- Reinforce garage doors and tracks or replace with a hurricane tested door.
- Reinforce double entry doors with heavy duty foot and head bolts.
- Use a security deadbolt with a one inch minimum bolt length.

### Windows

- If possible, install tested/manufactured hurricane shutters.
- Inspect existing shutters to ensure they are in good working order.
- Alternative: Use 5/8" or greater exterior grade plywood secured by 2 1/2" screws and/ or special clips. Obtain wood and fasteners, cut wood to size, pre-drill holes and place anchors on homes.



*Above: This well built home in the community of Copano Village in Aransas County, TX survived Hurricane Harvey in 2017.*

**For more information on home preparedness, please visit the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) and/or the FORTIFIED Home program recognized by the Small Business Administration at: <https://www.flash.org/> | <https://fortifiedhome.org/>**

# Additional Preparation

## Business and Employee Preparation

- Identify and protect vital records. Backup and store key files off site.
  - Protect electronic equipment from possible water damage.
  - Have extra cash and blank checks in case extra money is needed after the storm.
  - Develop a 24-hour emergency contact with phone numbers of key employees.
  - Set up telephone numbers for employees to check in and receive company information.
  - Establish a temporary location for business operations in case your facility is damaged.
  - Give employees enough time to secure their homes and families.
  - Consider paying employees before they leave to prepare their homes.
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## Marine Preparations

- Check with the manufacturer for proper ways to secure your boat during a storm.
  - Purchase necessary hurricane materials such as additional mooring lines, crew anchors, fenders, fender boards, chafing gear, and anchors.
  - Safe storm moorings should consist of good condition ropes of sufficient diameter and length, with at least three or four substantial anchor points.
  - Do not moor parallel to bank. Receding tides often capsize boats in this type of anchorage.
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## Preparing for Your Pet's Safety

- Your pet should be part of your overall hurricane preparation plans. Below are a few important things to help you prepare:
- Make sure your pet's vaccinations are current and have proof they are current. DO NOT assume that a public shelter or hotel will accept your pet.
- Be sure to have a current photo of your pet.
- Each animal should have a properly sized pet carrier. The carrier should be large enough for the animal to stand up and turn around.
- Pack enough food and bottled water for the duration of your evacuation. DO NOT let your pet eat food or drink water from outside that may have become contaminated.
- Be sure to pack all medications your pet may need along with a muzzle, collar, leash, paper towels, and trash bags.
- Make sure your pet has a proper ID collar.

## Before the Storm

- New and existing policies will not be written or modified when a storm nears the Gulf of America.
  - Make sure you fully understand what perils are covered and excluded in your policy.
  - Make sure your coverage is adequate to replace your home and contents in today's dollar.
  - Determine whether your policy covers additional living expenses for a temporary residence if you are unable to live in your home because of damage from a disaster.
  - Before hurricane season, prepare detailed written and/or photographic inventory of your home's contents and store it in a safe place with your policy.
  - If your insurance company does not cover flood or windstorm perils, ask about coverage through the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association or the National Flood Insurance Program.
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## After the Storm

- Give prompt written notice to your insurance company.
- Photograph or videotape damaged structures and all damaged property. Make a list of damaged or lost items.
- DO NOT throw out damaged property before your adjuster has inspected the debris unless it is a health hazard or impedes local cleanup.
- Protect your property from further damage.
- Keep an accurate record of temporary repair and living expenses if a loss of use is suffered.

## Important Online Insurance Information

- National Flood Insurance Program  
[www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)
- Texas Windstorm Insurance Association  
[www.twia.org](http://www.twia.org)  
Consumer help line 800-788-8247
- Texas Department of Insurance  
[www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)  
Consumer Help Line 800-252-3439

# Hurricane Supply Kit

Your chapter of the American Red Cross recommends that you have the following items in your Hurricane Supply Kit.

- At least a 7-day supply of non-perishable food and water. One gallon of water per person per day is recommended
- Battery powered portable television or radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First Aid kit and manual
- Sanitation and hygiene items such as instant hand sanitizing gel, moist towelettes, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products
- Whistle
- Kitchen accessories, cooking utensils, and manual can opener
- Cash
- Extra clothing, blankets, and sleeping bags
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Photocopies of identification, insurance, prescriptions, household inventory, credit cards, and your latest utility bill
- CD or photocopies of important documents such as birth/marriage certificates and titles
- Prescription medications, eyeglasses, contact lens solution, and hearing aid batteries
- Formula, baby food, diapers, and pacifiers
- Pet carriers, leashes, shot records, and food for each animal evacuating with you
- A good map showing county roads and highways
- Tire repair kit, booster cables, pump, and flares
- White distress flag
- Toys and games for children
- List of family phone numbers and addresses outside the area

# Final Checklists

## Actions to Take When a Storm is in the Gulf

- Listen frequently to radio, TV, or NOAA weather radio for bulletins and forecasts of the storm's progress.
- Double check items in your emergency supply kit.
- Fuel and service your vehicles.
- Inspect and secure mobile home tie-downs.
- Board up windows (if shutters do not exist) in case storm moves quickly and you have to leave! **TAPE PROVIDES NO PROTECTION!**
- Store lawn furniture and other loose, light weight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools.
- Garage or store vehicles that are not being used.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials.

**EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY IF ORDERED TO DO SO!**

## Final Actions to Take if Leaving

- Turn off propane tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Empty refrigerator and freezer.
- Turn off utilities if ordered to do so.
- Lock home securely.
- Take pets with you.



## Final Actions to Take if Staying

- Close storm shutters.
- Notify family members of your evacuation plans.
- Lower water level in swimming pool by one foot.
- Turn refrigerator or freezer to coldest setting and open only if necessary (25 pounds of dry ice will keep a 10-cubic foot freezer below freezing for 3-4 days.)
- Follow instructions from emergency managers and be prepared to turn off utilities if ordered to do so.
- Board up remaining doors, brace garage door, and remain inside. Stay away from boarded up windows.
- Take refuge in a predetermined safe room, such as an interior closet, bathroom, or hallway.

**DO NOT EXPECT EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE DURING A LANDFALLING HURRICANE!**

# Forecast Information



## Latest Weather Information

National Weather Service

[www.weather.gov/corpuschristi](http://www.weather.gov/corpuschristi)

24 Hour Phone Recording:

361-289-1861



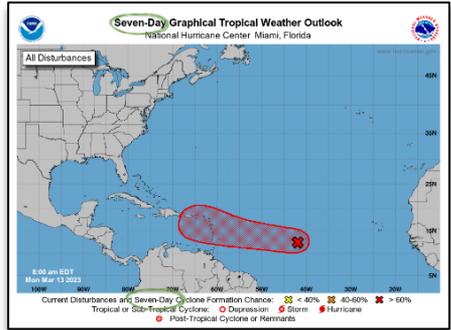
National Hurricane Center

[www.hurricanes.gov](http://www.hurricanes.gov)



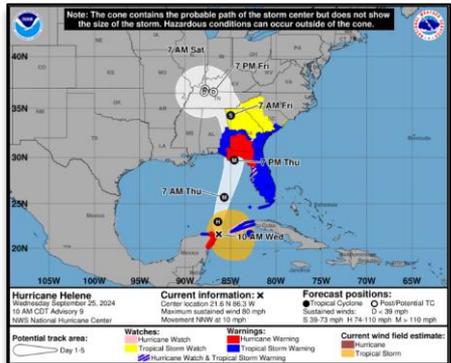
## Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook (May 15 – Nov 30)

- This NHC product provides an overview of all tropical cyclone activity and indicates areas of interest that have potential for tropical cyclone development.



## NHC Forecast Advisory

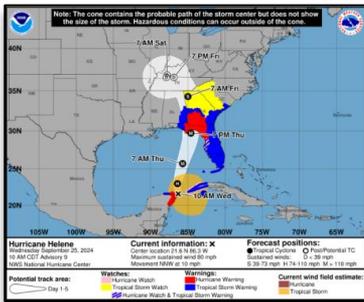
- Most recent position for a storm along with all coastline watches and warnings. Includes a 3 or 5 day track with error cone.
- Error cone represents a 5 year average error. The center of the storm only stays within the error cone 67% of the time.
- DO NOT focus too closely on the exact track forecast – the little back line.
- Impacts may occur well outside the cone.



# Forecast Information

## Hurricane Watch/Warning Tropical Storm Watch/Warning

- A Hurricane Watch means hurricane conditions are possible in your area within 48 hours.
- A Hurricane Warning means hurricane conditions are likely within your area within 36 hours.
- A Tropical Storm Watch means tropical storm conditions are possible in your area within 48 hours.
- A Tropical Storm Warning means tropical storm conditions are likely within your area within 36 hours.
- If you are under a hurricane watch or warning, prepare for possible evacuations and evacuate if instructed to do so.



## Do you have Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) turned on for your phone?

WEAs are sent by authorized government agencies through your wireless provider and alert to extreme weather.

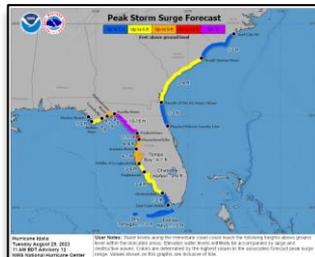
WEAs include a special tone and vibration, both repeated twice. Check your wireless phone's menu settings to ensure WEAs are enabled:

- Android: Settings > Connections > More Connection Settings > Wireless Emergency Alerts
- Apple: Settings > Notifications > Government Alerts



## Graphical depiction of peak storm surge inundation values along the U.S. Gulf & Atlantic coasts, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

- Values represent the peak height water could reach above normally dry ground somewhere in the specified area



## Hurricane Watch vs. Warning Know the Difference

### HURRICANE WATCH

A Hurricane Watch is issued when hurricane force winds are *possible*.

Prepare your home by boarding up windows and moving loose items indoors. Have an emergency supply kit ready.

**Hurricane Possible.**

### HURRICANE WARNING

A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane force winds are *expected*.

Seek shelter in a sturdy structure or evacuate if ordered.

**Hurricane Expected!**

weather.gov

# Forecast Information

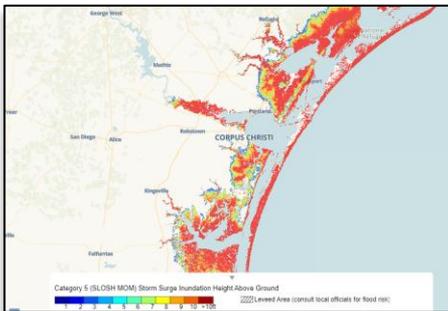
## Time of Arrival Graphics

- These maps are useful planning tools.
- One map shows the earliest reasonable arrival time of tropical storm force winds.
- A secondary map will show the most likely arrival time of tropical storm force winds.



## Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map

- If a hurricane is threatening your community, go to [hurricanes.gov](http://hurricanes.gov) and view the potential storm surge flooding map, which will show the reasonable-worst case scenario from storm surge inundation for your area.



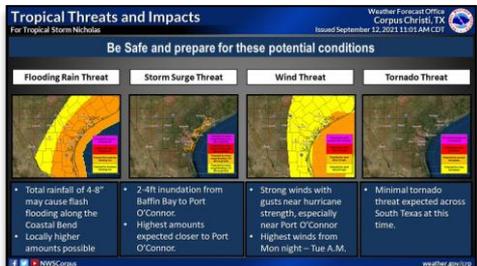
## Storm Surge Watch/Warning

- A storm surge watch is the possibility of life-threatening storm surge within 48 hours.
- A storm surge warning is the danger of life-threatening storm surge within 36 hours.
- If you are located in a storm surge watch or warning, you are not safe. Take action to protect your life. Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from emergency management officials.



## Hurricane Threats and Impacts

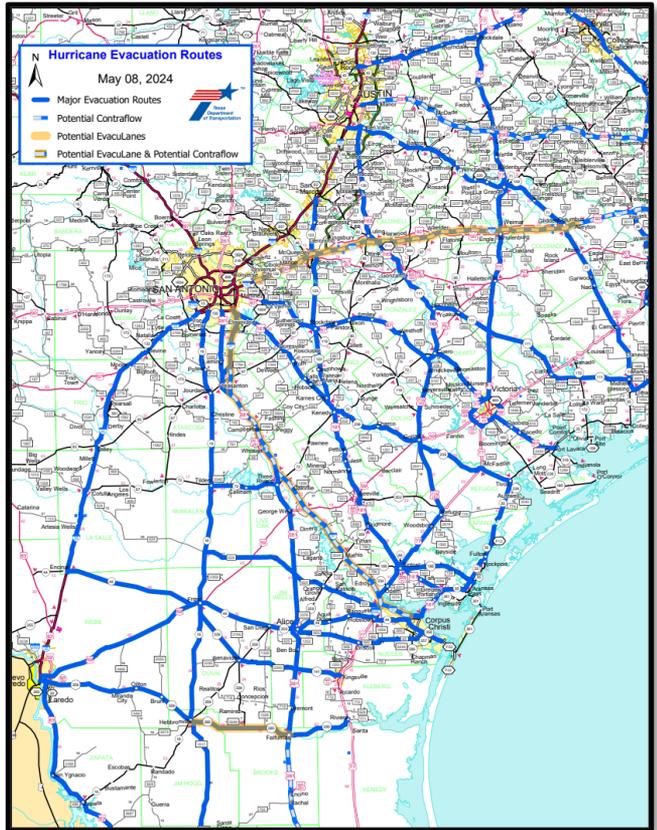
- This product issued by local NWS offices will summarize potential impacts expected from a tropical cyclone.
- Click on the colored area and text that describes potential impacts will display.
- [www.weather.gov/srh/tropical?office=crp](http://www.weather.gov/srh/tropical?office=crp)



# Evacuation Routes

## Actions Before Evacuating:

- Follow orders from local officials
- Once the evacuation order is given, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY
- Take your Hurricane Supply Kit with you
- Leave as early as possible to avoid heavy traffic and hazardous weather
- Do NOT stay in a mobile home near the coast
- Remember that large boats and travel trailers may not be allowed to cross local bridges and causeways once high winds commence
- Prepare to stay at your destination for a week or more as re-entry may be restricted



**Evacuees NEED to consider the projected path of the hurricane when choosing an evacuation route and destination. When local authorities order an evacuation, leave immediately!**

### Contact Info:

426 Pinson Dr  
Corpus Christi, TX  
78406

Public Number:  
361-289-0959

Forecast Recording:  
361-289-1861

Storm Spotters:  
888-578-9731

Fax: 361-289-7823



# Bus Evacuation

**Bus Loading Points will open on an as-needed basis. DO NOT go to Bus Loading Points unless directed to by public officials.**

**For more information regarding the city of Corpus Christi's hurricane evacuation bus assistance plan, please download this [PDF](#).**

## Corpus Christi

Any RTA Bus Stop

Evacuation Hub @ Corpus Christi Gym  
3202 Cabaniss Road  
Corpus Christi, TX 78415

## Nueces County

Richard M. Borchard Regional  
Fairgrounds  
1213 Terry Shamsie Boulevard  
Robstown, TX 78380

## Victoria

Victoria Community Center  
2905 East North Street  
Victoria, TX 77901

## Aransas County

Aransas County Airport  
421 John D. Wendell Rd  
Rockport, Texas 78382

## San Patricio County

San Patricio County Fairgrounds  
219 W 5th Street  
Sinton, TX 78387

Aransas Pass Civic Center  
700 W Wheeler Avenue  
Aransas Pass, TX 78336

## Kingsville

Kleberg County Courthouse  
700 East Kleberg Avenue  
Kingsville, Texas, 78363

## Port Lavaca

Bauer Community Center  
2300 State Highway 35 North  
Port Lavaca, TX 77979



## State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

**The State of Texas offers the option to register with the STEAR program, a free registry that provides local emergency management planners and responders with information related to your needs during an emergency.**

### Who Should Register?

- People with disabilities
- People who are medically fragile
- People with functional needs such as:
  - Limited mobility
  - Communication barriers
  - Require additional medical assistance during an emergency event
  - Require personal care assistance
- People who require transportation assistance



Scan to Register



Register online at  
[Stear.texas.gov](http://Stear.texas.gov)



Call 2-1-1 and press  
Option 4 to register.



To reach 2-1-1 using your preferred video relay service, call 877-541-7905 and press Option 4 to register.

Registering in STEAR **DOES NOT** guarantee you will receive a specific service during emergencies.

# Returning Home

**IF YOU EVACUATED THE AREA, WAIT FOR AN ALL CLEAR FROM THE CITY OR COUNTY BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO YOUR HOME. BE PREPARED TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCE BY HAVING A COPY OF YOUR LATEST UTILITY BILL.**

## Debris Cleanup

- Cities and counties will publish a schedule for debris pick-up and removal. Debris cannot be removed from private property.
- Construction materials, vegetative debris, household hazardous waste and household appliances will need to be placed into separate piles and moved to the curbside for pick-up.



## General Cleanup

- Be cautious of structural damage and downed power lines.
- DO NOT attempt to move structural supports or large pieces of debris.
- DO NOT run power generators indoors. Inhalation of carbon monoxide from the exhaust can cause death. Ensure exhaust is well ventilated.
- DO NOT use open flames indoors.
- Restrict your driving to emergency use only. Road conditions may not be safe until road debris is cleared.

## Water

- Listen for instructions regarding public water supply. Use only bottled, boiled or treated water until you know that your water supply is safe.
- You can use household chlorine bleach to treat water for drinking or cleaning. Add 1/8 teaspoon of bleach per gallon of clear water or 1/4 teaspoon of bleach per gallon if water is cloudy. Allow water to stand for 30 minutes before using.

## Interior Cleanup

- Disinfect and dry interior buildings and items inside. This will prevent growth of some bacteria, viruses, mold, and mildew that can cause illness.
- Clean walls, floors, and counter tops with soap and water. Disinfect them with a solution of 1 cup of bleach to 5 gallons of water.
- Wash all clothes and linens in hot water. Air dry and spray all unwashable items with disinfectant. Steam clean carpets. Throw away all items touched by water that cannot be disinfected.

# Returning Home

## Utility Cleanup

- Check for gas leaks. If you smell or hear gas leaking, leave immediately. **DO NOT** use the phone or turn on lights in your home. Call the gas company from a neighbor's phone.
- Report any visible damage of power lines to the electric company. Turn off power at main breaker if any electrical equipment or circuits have been exposed to water.
- **DO NOT** connect generators to your home's electrical circuits. If a generator is on line when electrical service is restored, it can become a major fire hazard. Also, line workers working to restore power will be endangered if a generator is hooked up to the home's circuits.
- It is likely that an electric company other than your own will reconnect the lines to your home; however, they cannot turn the service back on. Only your electric company can actually turn the power back on to your house.



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## Sewage Cleanup

- If you suspect water or sewage lines are damaged, do not use your plumbing (toilets, sinks, etc.). Contact the water company or a plumber for repairs.
- A chemical portable commode can be created by the following:
  - Use 5 gallon buckets with tight lids, lined with heavy duty plastic garbage bags.
  - Add kitty litter to the bucket as a disinfectant and deodorizer. Keep lids on firmly.
  - Keep buckets in a cool, dark place. Clean and disinfect buckets immediately.
- Your toilet can also be used by flushing until the bowl has no water. Then, line with heavy duty trash bags and disinfect with chlorine bleach after each use. Remove waste to an outside location.
- If significant sewer outages have occurred, instructions for disposal of human wastes will be announced.
- **DO NOT** dispose of human waste through your regular trash!

# Emergency Information

## ARANSAS COUNTY

- **Rockport Police**  
361-729-1111
- **County Sheriff**  
361-729-2222
- **City of Fulton**  
361-729-5533

## BEE COUNTY

- **County Emergency Management**  
361-621-1567  
[www.beecounty.gov](http://www.beecounty.gov)
- **Beeville Police**  
361-358-8100
- **County Sheriff**  
361-362-3221

## CALHOUN COUNTY

- **County Emergency Management**  
361-553-4400  
[www.calhouncotx.org](http://www.calhouncotx.org)
- **County Sheriff**  
361-553-4646

## GOLIAD COUNTY

- **Goliad County Judge / EMC**  
361-645-3337
- **County Sheriff**  
361-645-3451

## JIM WELLS COUNTY

- **County Emergency Management**  
361-227-4812
- **Alice Emergency Management**  
361-664-3111 ext. 4
- **Jim Wells County Sheriff**  
361-668-0341

## KLEBERG COUNTY

- **County Emergency Management**  
361-595-8585
- **County Sheriff**  
361-595-8500

## LIVE OAK COUNTY

- **County Sheriff**  
361-449-2271

## NUECES COUNTY

- **County Emergency Management**  
361-888-0513  
[www.nuecesco.com](http://www.nuecesco.com)  
Facebook: NuecesCo
- **City of Corpus Christi**  
361-826-1100  
[Ready Corpus Christi](#)  
Facebook: Ready CC  
Twitter: ReadyCC
- **Port Aransas City Hall**  
361-749-4111  
[www.cityofportaransas.org](http://www.cityofportaransas.org)
- **City of Robstown**  
361-387-2522  
[www.cityofrobstown.com](http://www.cityofrobstown.com)
- **Bishop Police**  
361-584-2443
- **Driscoll Police**  
361-221-2902

## REFUGIO COUNTY

- **County Emergency Management**  
361-526-2820 or  
361-549-2185
- **County Sheriff**  
361-526-2351

**Only Call 911 in an Emergency!**



# Hurricane

PREPAREDNESS

## Preparedness Talks

Join us for a Hurricane Preparedness Talk. Topics for discussion will include what you can expect for the upcoming hurricane season, how to prepare, and a brief overview of any current activity in the tropics.



**National Weather Service**  
**WFO Corpus Christi, TX**

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