

# HURRICANES FACTS AND TIPS



HURRICANES, ALSO KNOWN AS TROPICAL CYCLONES, FORM WHEN TROPICAL STORMS CONTINUE TO GROW AND OBTAIN WIND SPEEDS THAT EXCEED **74MPH.**



**THAT'S FASTER THAN A CHEETAH!**

## JUST HOW BIG IS THAT HURRICANE?

CATEGORY ONE  
WINDS OF  
74-95 MPH

CATEGORY THREE  
WINDS OF  
111-130 MPH

CATEGORY FIVE  
WINDS GREATER THAN  
155 MPH

CATEGORY TWO  
WINDS OF  
96-110 MPH

CATEGORY FOUR  
WINDS OF  
131-155 MPH

HURRICANES GENERALLY OCCUR BETWEEN **JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.**



KATRINA WAS THE COSTLIEST U.S. HURRICANE, COSTING **\$156.3 BILLION** IN DAMAGE, AND **1,833 FATALITIES**



## 7 ESSENTIAL STEPS YOU SHOULD TAKE AT THE BEGINNING OF HURRICANE SEASON:

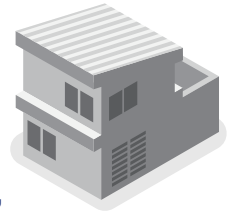
1. **MAKE SURE YOUR BUSINESS IS UP TO DATE ON BUILDING CODES**

2. **ENLIST ANOTHER COMPANY TO HELP BACK UP YOUR COMPANY'S DATA.**

In the event of a major hurricane, you may lose access to your data but an expert company will be able to restore the information to you after the storm, allowing you to resume business quickly.



3. **IF YOU HAVE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ATTACHED TO YOUR COMPANY THAT ARE CURRENTLY PARKED IN LOW LOTS, MOVE THEM TO A SECURE LOCATION ON HIGHER GROUND.**



4. **HAVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CLEAN OUT ALL OF THE GUTTERS, DRAINS, AND DOWNSPOUTS OF YOUR BUILDING.**

5. **INSPECT ALL OF YOUR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND FIRST-AID MATERIALS, REPLACE ANY DAMAGED EQUIPMENT, AND REPLENISH ANY MISSING ITEMS.**



6. **CONSIDER EQUIPPING YOUR WINDOWS WITH STORM SHUTTERS.**

7. **PURCHASE AND STORE AT LEAST THREE DAYS' WORTH OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ALONG WITH A THREE-DAY SUPPLY OF BOTTLED WATER.**



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