

HURRICANE SEASON

Did You Know?

- Hurricane season starts Thursday, June 1
- 2017 is expected to be busier than usual
- Improved tracking mechanisms and technology allows the National Hurricane Center forecasters and emergency managers to provide increased precise warnings
- There are five hurricane categories
- Hurricanes occur most frequently in June, August, September and October



Hurricane Categories

- Category 1 74-95 mph winds that will cause minor property damage
- Category 2 96-110 mph winds producing extensive property damage, flying debris, severe damage to frame homes, apartment buildings, mobile homes and shopping centers. Low-lying areas subject to flooding
- Category 3 111-129 mph winds causing complete destruction of frame and mobile homes, apartments, shopping centers. Severe power outages and water shortages with unavailability for several days



Hurricane Categories (continued)

- Category 4 130-156 mph winds causing catastrophic damage to property and people with long-term power outages and water shortages extending into months
- Category 5 157 and above brings catastrophe and evacuation is demanded. Complete destruction of everything in storms path. Long term extensive power outages and water shortages with extensive flooding





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Florida's Severest Hurricanes

- ❖ Andrew (1992) – Category 5
175mph \$26.5 Billion
- ❖ Wilma (2005) – Category 5
185mph \$29.4 Billion
- ❖ Matthew (2016) – Category 5
165mph \$15 Billion
- ❖ Charley (2004) – Category 4
150mph \$16.3 Billion
- ❖ Francis (2004) – Category 4
140mph \$10 Billion
- ❖ Ivan (2004) – Category 3
130mph \$19.8 Billion



Hurricane Preparedness

- ❑ Keep a contact list of people, utilities, hospitals, TV/Radio stations, Insurance Agent
- ❑ Have an Evacuation Plan from:
 - Work/School/Home/City
 - Defined routes
 - Meeting place for family
 - Animal and pet plans
 - Boat safety and location of evacuation shelters



- ❑ Health, Food & Safety

- Prescriptions & Medical Supplies
- 1st Aid Kit
- Bottle Water
- Non-perishable Foods
- Flashlights/Batteries
- Laptop & Phone including Cords/Adapters & Inverter
- Full Tank of Gasoline
- Cash

