HURRICANE CATEGORIES

Category 1  Winds 74-95 mph
Damage primarily to unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery, and trees.

Category 2  Winds 96-110 mph
Some roofing, door, and window damage. Significant damage to trees.

Category 3  Winds 111-130 mph
Structural damage to small homes and utility buildings. Downed trees.

Category 4  Winds 131-155 mph
Roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas.

Category 5  Winds 155+ mph
Complete roof failure on many homes. Massive evacuations required.

WATCHES & WARNINGS

Tropical Storm Watch - Tropical storm conditions are possible in your area within the next 36 hours (1.5 days).

Tropical Storm Warning - Tropical storm conditions are expected in your area within the next 24 hours (1 day).

Hurricane Watch - Sustained winds greater than 73 mph are possible in your area within 36 hours (1.5 days).

Hurricane Warning - Hurricane conditions are expected in your area in 24 hours or less (less than 1 day).

Coastal Flood Warnings - Land areas along the coast are expected to become inundated by sea water above the typical tide.
### SECURE YOUR HOME

**WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED**
- Double check your disaster survival kit.
- Board up windows. Wedge sliding glass doors.
- Lower or secure TV and radio antennas.
- Bring inside toys, gardening equipment, lawn furniture. Turn over and lie down picnic tables, benches and anything else too large to move.
- Keep your car’s gas tank full.
- Turn refrigerator/freezer to the coldest setting.
- Keep your car’s gas tank full.
- Place the items you will need if you have to evacuate in your car.
- Unplug appliances except for the refrigerator and freezer.
- Place valuables up high if flooding is possible.

**WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED**
- Place the items you will need if you have to evacuate in your car.
- Unplug appliances except for the refrigerator and freezer.
- Place valuables up high if flooding is possible.
- Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.
- Place valuables up high if flooding is possible.
- Place the items you will need if you have to evacuate in your car.
- Unplug appliances except for the refrigerator and freezer.
- Place valuables up high if flooding is possible.

### RIDING IT OUT

Examine the building and plan in advance what you will do if winds become strong. Strong winds can cause structural failure and turn loose objects into deadly missiles. Don’t stay if you’ve been ordered to leave.

- Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object, and make sure you hold and protect your head. Keep all windows and doors closed tightly during the storm. Stay away from windows and doors even if they are covered.
- Spacious rooms, areas around windows, garages and top floors are not safe. If you are in a multi-story building and away from the water, go to the first or second floors and take refuge in the halls or other interior rooms away from windows.
- Stay in a room near the center of the house, on the side opposite the direction the wind is blowing. Stay alert to radio broadcasts for the changes in the wind direction, especially once the eye of the hurricane has passed. The safest places in your home are small enclosed rooms away from windows. These include hallways and closets.

### HURRICANE SURVIVAL KIT

- Bottled Water for 3 Days (1 Gallon per Day per Person)
- Manual Can Opener
- Non-Perishable Foods
- Ice Chest & Ice
- Plain Bleach or Water Purification Tablets
- Disposable Plates & Utensils
- Portable Camp Stove or Grill
- Stove Fuel or Charcoal & Lighter Fluid
- Napkins & Paper Towels
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Grocery & Trash Bags
- Extra Prescription Medicine (or refill Information)
- First Aid Kit
- Mosquito Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Hearing Aid, Extra Pair of Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses or Other Special Medical Items
- Flashlight (1 per Person)
- Glass Enclosed Candles
- Battery Powered Radio or TV
- Extra Batteries
- Waterproof Matches
- Phone that does not Require an Electric Outlet
- Extra Money
- Driver’s License or Photo ID
- Important Phone Numbers
- Important Papers Including Insurance Policies, Birth Certificates & Marriage Licenses
- Computer Back-up
- Out-of-Area Contact Person
- Extra Car & House Keys
- Evacuation Map
- Business Records
- Baby Formula & Food
- Disposable Diapers

### EMERGENCY #'S

**HOUSTON COUNTY**
- Houston Co. Sheriff: 677-4888
- Dothan Police: 615-3000
- Ashford Police: 899-5113
- Cottonwood Police: 691-2113

**COFFEE COUNTY**
- Coffee Co. Sheriff: 894-5535
- Enterprise Police: 347-2222
- Elba Police: 897-2555

**DALE COUNTY**
- Dale Co. Sheriff: 774-2335
- Daleville Police: 598-4442
- Ozark Police: 774-2644
- Level Plains Police: 598-3233

**HENRY COUNTY**
- Henry Co. Sheriff: 585-3131
- Headland Police: 698-2222
- Abbeville Police: 585-2222

**PIKE COUNTY**
- Pike Co. Sheriff: 566-4347
- Troy Police: 566-0500
- Brundidge Police: 735-3333

**GENEVA COUNTY**
- Geneva Co. Sheriff: 684-2333
- Geneva Police: 684-2777
- Samson Police: 898-7118
- Slocomb Police: 886-3333

**COVINGTON COUNTY**
- Covington Co. Sheriff: 428-2640
- Andalusia Police: 222-1155
- Florala Police: 858-3244
- Opp Police: 493-4511

### AFTER THE STORM

Stay out of disaster areas which could be dangerous and where your presence will interfere with essential rescue and recovery work. Do not drive unless you must. Roads should be left clear for emergency vehicles and debris removal equipment. Remember, debris-filled streets are dangerous.

**PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE WHEN RETURNING HOME**
- Inspect your home for damage.
- Beware of loose or dangling power lines.
- Do not use the telephone except for emergencies.
- Do not use water until you receive word that it is safe.
- Eat only foods you are absolutely sure are safe. If power has been out, food that was refrigerated may not be safe to eat.
- Be careful driving ... submerged roads could be washed out or could collapse under the weight of a car.
- Walk cautiously ... watch out for dangerous debris and snakes.
- Use care handling power tools, gas lanterns & generators.
- Call your insurance company to file a claim if your home is damaged, ask your insurance company for financial help.
- Stay away from damaged areas. Sightseers can get in the way of first aid and rescue operations.