

WHAT ARE TROPICAL CYCLONES?

Tropical cyclones—ranging from depressions to hurricanes—are classified by their maximum sustained wind speeds, though they also pose numerous additional hazards.



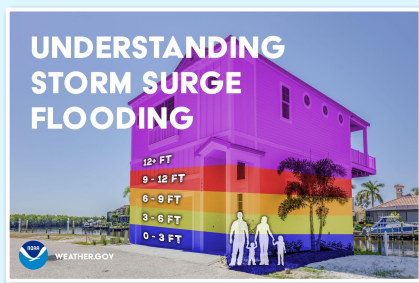
DAMAGING WIND HAZARDS

Tropical cyclone winds and tornadoes cause extensive damage to buildings and infrastructure, often leading to long-term power outages.

COASTAL / WATER HAZARDS

Rip currents and high surf create danger long before a storm arrives.

Storm surge is the primary reason for evacuations, threatening life and property with rising water levels.



Additionally, tropical rainfall can cause life-threatening inland flash flooding, sometimes hundreds of miles inland.

Prepare Your Supply Kit Early: [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)

Don't wait until the last minute, be prepared in advance!

Know Your Evacuation Zone: [floridadisaster.org/knowyourzone](https://www.floridadisaster.org/knowyourzone)

If an evacuation is ordered, leave immediately for a shelter, hotel, or a family/friend's home. Plan now, and include your pets and livestock.

Did You Know...

You do not need to evacuate 100s of miles inland to escape storm surge. *Most of the time, only a few miles inland is sufficient.*

Register for Shelter Assistance: [floridadisaster.org/snr](https://www.floridadisaster.org/snr)

If you or a loved one requires medical or evacuation assistance, register with Florida's special needs registry

Medical Supply Availability:

Stock a one-month supply of medicine and medical essentials alongside food and water.



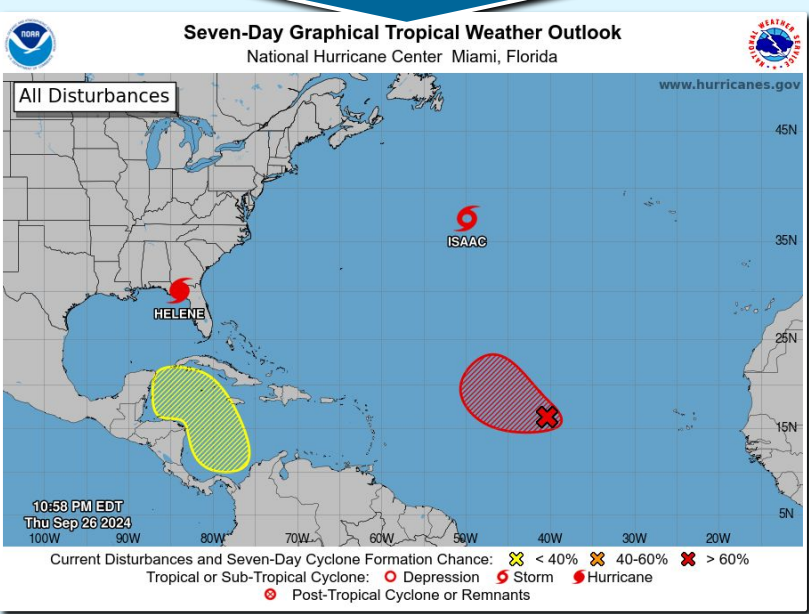


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Tropical Weather Outlook

Product issued by the
National Hurricane Center
every **6 hours** from
May 15 - November 30 showing
the **potential for tropical cyclone**
development over the next
2 to 7 days.



ARE YOU STORM-READY?
ready.gov/hurricanes

Tropical Awareness

The National Hurricane Center (NHC), your local National Weather Service (NWS), and your county Emergency Management work together to keep you updated with the latest tropical weather forecasts. Monitor forecasts and learn safety recommendations from these official information sources during threatening tropical events:

National Hurricane Center
hurricanes.gov

National Weather Service
weather.gov

Florida Division of Emergency Management
floridadisaster.org

 **NWSNHC**

 **@NHC_Atlantic**

WATCHES

Tropical Storm or Hurricane **Watch**

Winds are **possible** within next **48 hours**

Storm Surge **Watch**

Possibility of life-threatening storm surge within next **48 hrs**

WARNINGS

Tropical Storm or Hurricane **Warning**

Winds are **expected** within next **36 hours**

Storm Surge **Warning**

Danger of life-threatening storm surge within next **36 hrs**

Important to know the difference!