



Be PREPARED for a HURRICANE

Hurricanes endanger lives, homes, and whole communities. Learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your property.



Did you know...

Category-3 Hurricane Carol, with wind gusts of 135 mph, caused **68 deaths** and **\$461 million in damage** in 1954.*



1954 Hurricane Carol

Oceans are warming.

Hurricanes, especially major ones, are projected to occur **more frequently**. Major hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean have doubled since 1980.**



**Hurricane
season is
June -
November**

Tropical storms (winds above 39 mph) and hurricanes (winds above 74 mph) are dangerous and can cause significant damage from several storm hazards including:



Heavy rainfall



Storm surge
and rip currents

6" of fast-moving
flood water can
knock you down



Powerful winds
and tornadoes



Coastal and
inland flooding

1' of moving water
can sweep away
your vehicle

(Above) Storm surge damage after Hurricane Carol. Photo courtesy of New England Weather Net.

* NOAA National Hurricane Center ** Environmental Defense Fund, 'How climate change makes hurricanes more destructive'

BEFORE A HURRICANE

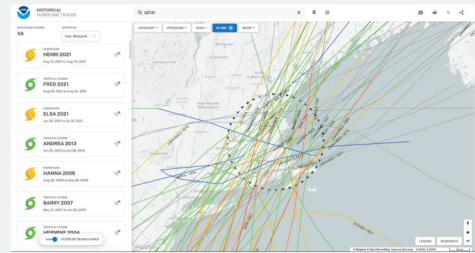
- ❑ **Visit [Boston.gov/emergency](https://www.boston.gov/emergency) to:**
 - Sign up for emergency alerts.
 - Create an emergency kit.
 - Make an emergency plan.
 - Identify if you or someone in your household may need additional assistance. For guidance, visit www.ready.gov/disability
 - Know if you live or work in an evacuation zone.
 - Locate emergency shelters.
- ❑ **Be prepared to lose electricity, water, gas, or internet.**
 - Make sure electronics are charged.
 - Have backup water available.
- ❑ **Strengthen your home.**
 - Clear drains and gutters.
 - Bring outdoor items indoors.
 - Seal windows and doors to keep water out.

DURING A HURRICANE

- ❑ **Evacuate** if officials recommend.
- ❑ **Seek shelter:**
 - Stay away from windows and doors.
 - Move to the highest floor if you are trapped by flooding.
- ❑ **Monitor the forecast** and pay attention to emergency alerts.
- ❑ **Do not walk, swim, or drive through floodwaters.**

Know your risk.

Visit coast.noaa.gov/hurricanes to view past hurricanes that have impacted Boston.



Watches and Warnings.

WATCH



Be Prepared! Hurricane or tropical storm conditions are possible within the **next 48 hours**.

WARNING



Take action! Sustained winds of > 74 mph for a hurricane or > 39 mph for a tropical storm are expected within the **next 24 hours**.

AFTER A HURRICANE

- Follow instructions from public safety officials.
- Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies (including downed power lines and gas leaks).
- Stay out of damaged buildings.
- Protect yourself during clean-up with gloves and boots.
- Disinfect anything that got wet.
- Discard spoiled food.
- Photograph damage and contact your insurance provider.

Call 3-1-1
City Services

Call 2-1-1
State Services

Call 9-8-8
Emotional Support

