

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...

The number of **major hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean** have **doubled** since 1980.*

Oceans are warming.

Hurricanes, especially major ones, are projected to occur **more frequently**.



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

**Hurricane
season is
June -
November**



Heavy rainfall



Storm surge
and rip currents



Powerful winds
and tornadoes



Coastal and
inland flooding

6"

of fast-moving
flood water can
knock you down

1"

of moving water
can sweep away
your vehicle

BEFORE A HURRICANE

☐ Visit Providenceri.gov/PEMA 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:

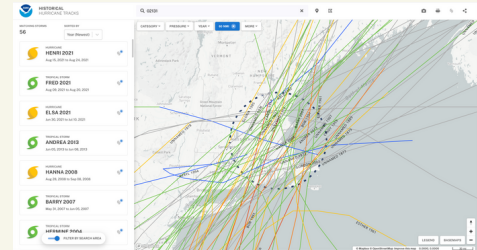
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- Move to the highest floor if you are trapped by flooding.

☐ 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 Providence.



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.

PVD311 Online
City Services

Call 211
United Way of RI

Call 988
Emotional Support

