

# Hurricane Information

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Hurricane Wind Speed Category Information  
Saffir-Simpson Scale

### Category Wind Speed

1	74-95 mph
2	96-110 mph
3	111-130 mph
4	131-155 mph
5	155 + mph

- What is the wind speed of a tropical depression?
  - When the wind speed is less than 39MPH
- What is the wind speed of a tropical storm?
  - When the wind speed is between 39MPH and 73MHP
- When do hurricanes get their name?
  - When it becomes a tropical storm (sustained winds of 39 mph). The storm does not become a hurricane until winds reach 74 mph. About half of all tropical storms become hurricanes.
- What is the difference between a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning?
  - **Hurricane Watch** - A hurricane watch means hurricane conditions (sustained winds of at least 74MPH) are possible in the area within 48 hours.
  - **Hurricane Warning** - A hurricane warning means hurricane force conditions (sustained winds of at least 74 MPH) are expected in your area in 36 hours or less.

## Need information on

- [Special Needs Residents](#)
- pet safety
- shelters
- important numbers
- home safety checklist
- mobile homes,
- preparing your yard

- protecting your boat
- safe room
- shutters
- what to do during landfall
- generator safety
- road safety
- secure your home

## Web Links

- [Official Palm Beach County Hurricane Preparedness 2022](#)
- [Palm Beach County Emergency Management](#)
- [For Power Outages & Restoration Updates](#)
- [PBC Hurricane Survival Guide](#)
- [National Hurricane Center \(NOAA\)](#)
- [Hurricane Tracking Chart](#)
- [FEMA](#)
- [Flood SMART](#)