

2011 Hurricane Season Forecast for Florida and US Coastline

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Florida homeowners and business owners will want to note this year's hurricane season forecast and get prepared, suggests Marvin Lebovitz, of Gulf Atlantic Industries of America, Inc., a [south florida general contractor](#). "We are gearing up for a very busy season in the way of home remodeling and orders in [hurricane shutters](#), impact resistant windows and doors."

Weather Services International (WSI), a Weather Channel company, predicts 15 named storms, 8 hurricanes and 4 major hurricanes (category 3 or greater). Although WSI does not see activity reaching the historic levels of 2005 and 2010, it does expect a more impactful season in 2011 along the United States coastline.

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These 2011 forecast numbers are above the long-term (1950-2010) averages of 12 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes and match the averages from the more active recent period (1995-2010) of 15 named storms, 8 hurricanes and 4 major hurricanes.

The 2010 season tied with 1995 for the third-most tropical/subtropical storms (19) on record, behind only 1933 (21 storms) and 2005 (28 storms). These totals are even more remarkable given the relatively slow start to the season, with the fourth named storm not forming until late August, near the long-term average date for that occurrence. Starting with Danielle on Aug. 27, 2010 the season's five major hurricanes formed within just three weeks, including four Category 4 hurricanes in a record 20 days.

What can homeowners, businesses and contractors do to prepare? Like all forms of disaster preparedness, the best way to make your family and home safer is to be prepared before disaster happens. Those living in a hurricane or storm-prone area may want to think about installing impact resistant windows which are designed to withstand flying debris. If you live in an area that doesn't have a lot of hurricanes, you may think about investing in storm shutters. Shutters come in a variety of styles including accordion shutters, aluminum shutters and rollup shutters.

Online resources also provide valuable information on how to prepare. The Florida Division of Emergency Management’s mission is, “Working together to ensure that Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them, and mitigate against their impacts.” You can visit their online resource site at floridadisaster.org for many good suggestions around hurricane preparedness.

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Getting ready with storm panels, hurricane shutters, impact resistant windows and doors.



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