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<p>STORM SURGE: </p> <p><i>Life-threatening flood from rising water moving inland from the shoreline.</i></p>	<p>ISSUED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF ANTICIPATED ONSET</p> <p>WATCHES</p>	<p>ISSUED 36 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF PREDICTED ONSET</p> <p>WARNINGS</p>
<p>TROPICAL STORM: </p> <p><i>An organized system of powerful thunderstorms with a defined circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 mph.</i></p>	<p>STORM SURGE WATCH <i>danger is possible</i></p>	<p>STORM SURGE WARNING <i>danger is expected</i></p>
<p>HURRICANE: </p> <p><i>Winds that have reached a constant speed of 74 mph or above and blow in a large spiral around a relatively calm center known as the "eye".</i></p>	<p>TROPICAL STORM WATCH <i>conditions are possible</i></p>	<p>TROPICAL STORM WARNING <i>conditions are expected</i></p>
	<p>HURRICANE WATCH <i>conditions are possible</i></p>	<p>HURRICANE WARNING <i>conditions are expected</i></p>

HURRICANE HAZARDS
Hurricanes and tropical storms all areas of Florida. All Floridians should and need to prepare for hurricane season.

Make a Plan Now. Get Ready. Be Safe.



- **HURRICANES** and tropical storms often produce widespread, torrential rains over 6 inches, which may result in deadly and destructive flooding. Flooding is a significant threat from tropical cyclones for people living inland.
- **WINDS** from a hurricane can destroy buildings and manufactured homes. Outdoor items and debris can become projectiles in high winds.
- **TORNADOES** can accompany hurricanes and tropical storms. On record, in 2004, Hurricane Ivan spawned 120, the most tornadoes spawned by a single tropical cyclone.

ACTION:

- Prepare your home and review your plan for evacuation in case a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning is issued.
- Listen closely to instructions from local officials.

ACTION:

- If directed by state or local officials, finish storm preparations and immediately leave the threatened area.
- Have a plan for where you will stay, such as with family or friends, at a hotel or at a shelter.

EXTREME WIND WARNING

****extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane, usually associated with the eyewall, are expected to begin within an hour.***

ACTION:

- Take immediate shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.