

HURRICANE PREP CHECKLIST

- Water - 2 quarts to 1 gallon per day per person
- Canned foods: soup, tuna, etc.
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Snacks (cookies, crackers, granola bars, etc.)
- Snack spreads (peanut butter, jelly, cheese spread, etc.)
- Cereal
- Bread
- Duct tape
- Toilet paper
- Diapers
- Ice chests
- Batteries
- Paper plates
- Plastic cups, forks, knives, and spoons
- Insect repellent & candles
- Charcoal
- Charcoal lighter fluid
- Sterno canned heat
- Manual can opener



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HURRICANE TRACKING GUIDE



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HURRICANE CHECKLIST

BEFORE THE STORM

- Find out if you live in an evacuation zone
- Fill up car with gas
- Gather first aid supplies & prescription medications
- Fill your freezer with containers or bags of water, which will help if the power goes out
- Clear clogged gutters & drains
- Store valuables & papers in waterproof containers on the highest level of your home
- Take video or photos for a home inventory
- Check your insurance policies. Collect documents and recent pictures of children/elders in case they go missing
- Microchip pets
- Fill containers you already have with water

DURING THE STORM

- Stay inside away from windows, skylights, & glass
- Keep supply of flashlights & extra batteries handy
- Avoid open flames as a source of light
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power "surge" when electricity is restored
- Listen to a battery-operated radio or TV for updates if your cellphone loses service
- Go to the highest level of the building if you are trapped by flooding. Do not climb into a closed attic because you may become trapped by rising flood waters
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn around. Don't drown!

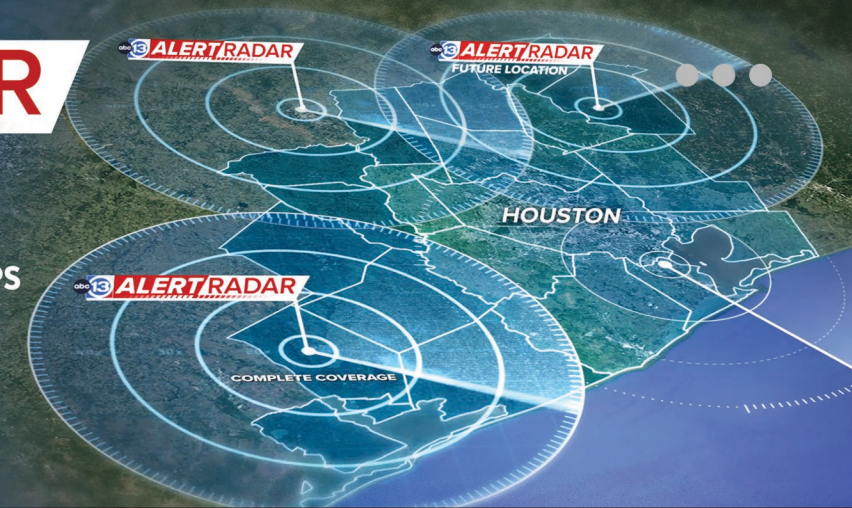
AFTER THE STORM

- If you have evacuated, do not return home until officials announce your area is ready
- Know and follow all safety guidelines for generators
- Beware of outdoor hazards such as downed power lines, poisonous snakes, weakened bridges, washed out roads, weakened limbs on trees, and/or damaged overhanging structures
- Do not use the telephone unless absolutely necessary
- Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until you are certain it is not contaminated
- Take video or still pictures of damaged property and notify insurance
- Keep records of your clean up costs

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DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF WATER

SOURCE: NOAA

6 INCHES OF FAST-MOVING WATER CAN KNOCK OVER AN ADULT	12 INCHES OF FAST-MOVING WATER CAN CARRY AWAY A SMALL CAR	18-24 INCHES OF FAST-MOVING WATER CAN CARRY AWAY MOST LARGE SUVs, VANS, & TRUCKS
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TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

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- Evacuation Information for Your Zip Code abc13.com/evacuation
- National Hurricane Center nhc.noaa.gov
- Harris Co. Flood Control District harriscountyfws.org
- Harris Co. Office of Emergency Management readyharris.org 713-881-3100
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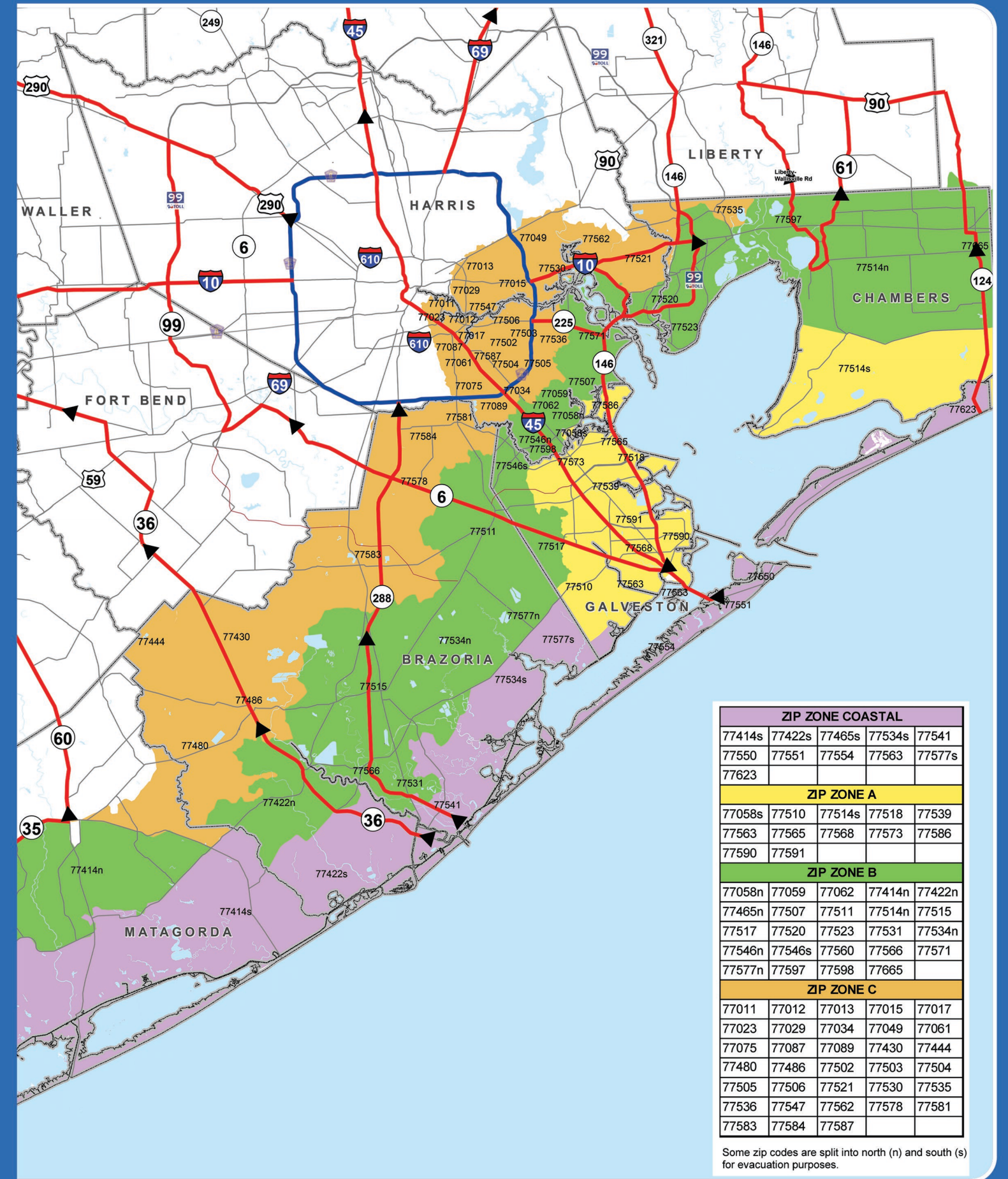


HURRICANE SCALE

CATEGORY	MPH	DAMAGE SUMMARY	Illustration
1	74-95 MPH	Some Damage: Minor damage to homes & short-term power loss	
2	96-110 MPH	Extensive Damage: Major roof damage to buildings & near-total power loss	
3	111-129 MPH	Devastating Damage: Electricity & water unavailable for up to several weeks	
4	130-156 MPH	Catastrophic Damage: Severe damage to homes, with long-lasting power outages & road blockages	
5	≥157 MPH	Catastrophic Damage: High % of homes destroyed; area uninhabitable for weeks or months	

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HOUSTON'S MOST EXPERIENCED TEAM

TRAVIS HERZOG CHIEF METEOROLOGIST



- Born in San Antonio, TX
- College: Texas A&M – WHOOP!
- Years of Experience: 23

I've wanted to be a meteorologist since Hurricane Gilbert sent a tornado by my childhood home in 1988.



DAVID TILLMAN CHIEF FORECASTER



- Born in St. Louis, MO
- College: Jackson State University
- Years of Experience: 33

I've been storm chasing since the late 1980s. But winter weather forecasting is my favorite.



ELITA LORESCA METEOROLOGIST



- Born in Manila, Philippines; raised in Los Angeles, CA
- College: California State University Fullerton & Mississippi State University
- Years of Experience: 26

I wanted to become a meteorologist after doing an internship with a Filipina meteorologist just like me.



KEVIN ROTH METEOROLOGIST



- Born in Clearwater, FL
- College: Florida State University & Mississippi State University
- Years of Experience: 16

I was born and raised on the Gulf Coast and have always been fascinated by ocean currents, sea-breeze thunderstorms, & hurricanes.

ELYSE SMITH METEOROLOGIST



- Born in Naperville, IL
- College: Valparaiso University
- Years of Experience: 9

I grew up next to a tornado siren! It was about 25 yards from my childhood home and swing set.



PORTABLE VS STANDBY GENERATORS

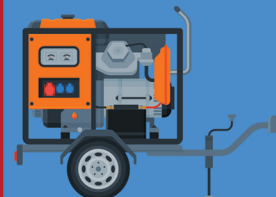
STANDBY GENERATORS

- Permanently installed outside the home
- Runs on natural gas or propane
- Turns on automatically when the power shuts off, even if you're away from home
- Transfer switch monitors utility power and transfers the electrical load to the generator if power is lost
- Standby generators can power everything in your home, including lights, heating/cooling systems, appliances, sump pumps, security systems and more



PORTABLE GENERATORS

- Use properly rated extension cords (electrical load and length)
- Make sure the generator is properly vented to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning
- Don't place it in your home or an enclosed space like a garage
- Don't connect it directly to your home's electrical system. Electricity could flow backward into the power lines and endanger lives
- Plug appliances directly into the portable generator



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