



# 2026 HURRICANE SEASON

CHARLOTTE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

May 26, 2026

# SEASONAL PREDICTIONS



| Forecast Agency              | Named Storms | Hurricanes | Major Hurricanes |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Seasonal Average (1991–2020) | 14.4         | 7.2        | 3.2              |
| StormGeo                     | 12           | 5          | 2                |
| Colorado State University    | 13           | 6          | 2                |
| National Hurricane Center    | 8–14         | 3–6        | 1–3              |

## TROPICAL INFLUENCE



**La Niña**

**MORE ACTIVITY**

- Reduced vertical wind shear allows storm formation
- Creates warmer and wetter tropical conditions



**El Niño**

**FEWER STORMS**

- Stronger trade winds and vertical wind shear
- Increased atmospheric stability suppresses growth, wetter autumn and winter

# SEASONAL OUTLOOK



## STANDARD DURATION

June 1 – November 30



## ATMOSPHERIC INFLUENCE

El Niño impact on storm activity



## CRITICAL THREAT

Rapid Intensification risk remains significant



## HISTORICAL REMINDER

"It only takes one..."

“  
**PREPARE FOR THE  
STORM,  
NOT THE SEASON**

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# PUBLIC SHELTERS

Charlotte County designated public storm shelters



**Kingsway Elementary School**



**Liberty Elementary School**



**Neil Armstrong Elementary School**










**Harold Avenue Recreation Center**





# PRE-SEASON ACTIVITIES




## Agency Coordination

-  County Departments & Operational Units
-  FL Division of Emergency Management
-  FPL (Florida Power & Light) Integration
-  FL Dept. of Transportation (FDOT)
-  NWS Integrated Warning Team
-  COAD Committees Coordination
-  Healthcare Facility Partners

## Vulnerable Populations

-  Healthcare Facility Plan Reviews
-  FDOH Coordination & Support
-  Special Needs Registry Call Down 584 Registrants
-  Safety Networks Activation

 *Ensuring consistent communication and operational readiness for residents requiring additional assistance during storm events.*








# PRE-SEASON ACTIVITIES



## LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

-  New Warehouse / Inventory Software
-  Shelter Supply Replenishment
-  Resource Guide Development
-  Shelter Walk-Throughs
-  Mobilization Planning
-  Contract / MOU Review








## TRAINING AND EXERCISE

-  Point of Distribution Drill
-  JIC / Call Center Exercises
-  State Hurricane Exercise
-  Shelter Training
-  EOC Readiness Training
-  CERT Classes
-  County HURREX (Hurricane Exercise)



# OUTREACH & PREPAREDNESS

## Preparedness Message

-  Know Your Risk
-  Make a Plan
-  Build a Kit
-  Stay Informed
-  No two storms are the same
-  Post-Storm Safety
-  Resources & Info Hubs

## Charlotte County Disaster Guide

*"Follow the tips and checklists in this guide to protect your loved ones, your home and your business."*

FAMILY PLAN

PET SAFETY

EVACUATION

STORM SURGE

SUPPLY KIT



## Emergency Notification

Stay informed with real-time alerts. Charlotte County's primary system for critical safety updates.



2026 HURRICANE SEASON BRIEFING

# QUESTIONS?



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