



<i>STORM CLASSIFICATIONS</i>		
Category	Wind speed (mph)	Storm surge
Tropical depression	0–38	0
**A storm begins as a Tropical Depression and sometimes increases to Tropical Storm strength. At this point it is given a name. **		
Tropical storm	39–73	0–3
<i>SAFFIR–SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE</i>		
One	74–95	4–5
Two	96–110	6–8
Three	111–130	9–12
Four	131–155	13–18
Five	≥156	>18
<i>HURRICANE WATCH AND WARNING</i>		
HURRICANE WATCH: A hurricane watch (HWA) is issued for a specified area for which a hurricane or a hurricane-related hazard is a possible threat within 48 hours		
HURRICANE WARNING: A hurricane warning (HWW) is issued when a hurricane with sustained winds of 74 mph (65 knots, 118 km/h) or higher is expected in a specified area in 36 hours or less		