

Hurricane Timeline

6+ DAYS

DAY 5

DAY 4

DAY 3

DAY 2

<24 HRS

LANDFALL

Too Soon for Most Decisions

- Don't believe all forecast models on social media.
- Identify formation zones and typical lead time.
- Save emotional energy for later.

Caution with the Cone

- 400-mile spread in potential landfall.
- Use "spaghetti plots" with a good filter.
- Consider beginning tasks that take 2+ days to complete.

Identify Outcomes

- Trust an expert with your "worst-case" scenario.
- Understand the range of outcomes on track and strength.
- Adjust your clock based on the earliest arrival times of wind.

Prepare for Impacts

- High-resolution models are now credible.
- Identify your trouble spots based on high winds and heavy rain.
- Beware of possible evacuation orders that could affect fuel and traffic.

Deadline Day

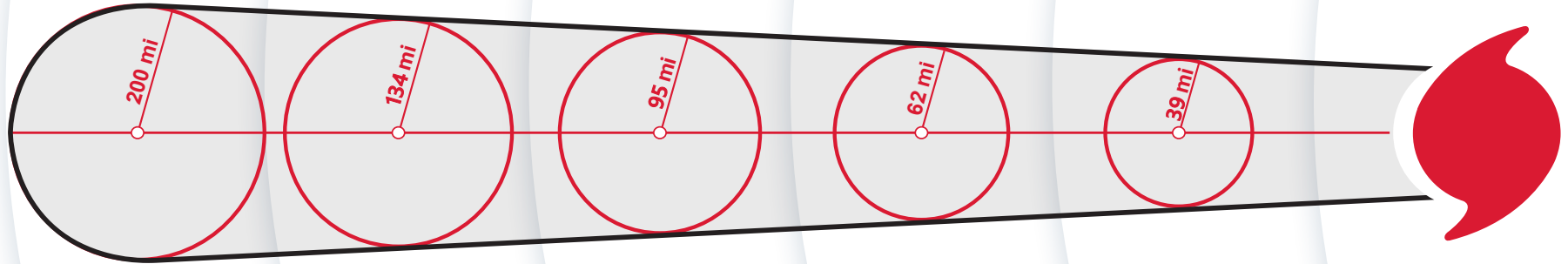
- All deployment decisions should be made by now.
- Confidence in overall wind and rain impact is high.
- Monitor updates from official sources.

Stay Vigilant

- It is unsafe for most outdoor tasks or traveling.
- Use clear storm tracking tools for tornadoes and flash flooding.
- Watch for wobbles and their potential effects on resources.

Inland Hazards

- Multiple hazards may exist for days after landfall.
- Be patient and prepared for complications from extreme heat, flooding, and inaccessible areas.



SUGGESTED PRODUCTS



Disclaimer: This guide was constructed based on the average forward motion of a hurricane, which is 12 mph. If the storm is moving (or forecast to move) significantly faster, you may want to consider shifting your response decisions up a day. 05-2024