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deaths in countries such as Bangladesh have been caused by the storm surge of cyclones.

2) Wind Damage. The strong, at least 74 mph or 119 km/hr, winds of a hurricane can cause widespread destruction far inland of coastal areas, destroying homes, buildings, and infrastructure.

3) Freshwater Flooding. Hurricanes are huge tropical storms and dump many inches of rain over a widespread area in a short period of time. This water can engorge rivers and streams, causing hurricane-induced flooding.

Unfortunately, polls find that about half of Americans living in coastal areas are unprepared for a hurricane disaster. Anyone living along the Atlantic Coast, the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean should be prepared for hurricanes during hurricane season.

Fortunately, hurricanes ultimately diminish, reverting to tropical storm strength and then into a tropical depression when they move over cooler ocean water, move over land, or reach a position where the upper level winds are too strong and are thus unfavorable.

Family Disaster Plan

- ▶ Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to **storm surge, flooding and wind.**
- ▶ Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- ▶ Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet.
- ▶ Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- ▶ Make a plan now for what to do with your **pets** if you need to evacuate.
- ▶ Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- ▶ Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance. National Flood Insurance Program
- ▶ Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
- ▶ Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.

Atlantic Hurricane Names 2010

Alex	Lisa
Bonnie	Matthew
Colin	Nicole
Danielle	Otto
Earl	Paula
Fiona	Richard
Gaston	Sharq
Hermine	Tomas
Igor	Virginie
Julia	Walter
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