



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLAN

Mission Presbytery

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Checklist

Task	✓
Activate Disaster Control Center, as required	
Initiate the Disaster Preparedness & Response Plan guidelines and direct all preparation actions	
Initiate protection of personnel, equipment, and facilities	
Disseminate storm warnings/watches and/or advisories and provide updates	
<p>Tropical Storm Winds 39-73 mph</p> <p>Category 1 Hurricane — winds 74-95 mph (64-82 kt) No real damage to buildings. Damage to unanchored mobile homes. Some damage to poorly constructed signs. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage</p> <p>Category 2 Hurricane — winds 96-110 mph (83-95 kt) Some damage to building roofs, doors and windows. Considerable damage to mobile homes. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings. Some trees blown down.</p> <p>Category 3 Hurricane — winds 111-130 mph (96-113 kt) Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings. Large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly built signs destroyed. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures with larger structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain may be flooded well inland</p> <p>Category 4 Hurricane — winds 131-155 mph (114-135 kt) More extensive curtainwall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland</p> <p>Category 5 Hurricane — winds 156 mph and up (135+ kt) Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required</p>	
Contact local emergency management operations for mass evacuation routes and whether the local area is a shelter or pass through location	
Review plans and procedures for an alternate Disaster Control Center if the primary one become inoperative due to natural disaster damage	
Activate shelter management procedures as instructed, if applicable	
Suspend all normal operations and release office staff and board up windows and glass doors	
Determine evacuation location of assisted living and/or nursing home members	
Gather water, cots, linens for those staying on site	
Determine need for and assistance to provide for religious services, funerals, spiritual care	
Implement procedures for the rapid acquisition, storage, and issue of emergency supplies	
Obtain needed equipment and supplies	
Shut off all utilities at master switch, if instructed to do so by local authorities	
Store protected files and records or have designated person pick up documents and proceed to a location safe from the storm	
Notify Presbytery's Disaster Control Center that all actions have been taken	
Implement mechanisms to provide emergency clothing to disaster victims, if applicable	
Provide emergency housing and subsistence, as coordinated with local agencies, if appropriate	
Provide alternate feeding site(s), as coordinated with local agencies	
Provide mortuary spiritual support as pre-determined by local agencies	
Determine status of pastors, congregations, physical church facilities and communities to include number of casualties, effect on ministry, and ministry essential equipment	