

SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

CATEGORY	SUSTAINED WINDS	POTENTIAL DAMAGE
Category 1	74-95 mph 119-153 km/h	Very dangerous winds will produce some damage: Damage to roof, gutters, and siding. Large branches of trees will snap. Shallowly rooted trees may be toppled.
Category 2	96-110 mph 154-177 km/h	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage: Major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted. Near-total power loss expected.
Category 3	111-129 mph 178-208 km/h	Devastating damage will occur: Well-built framed homes may incur major damage. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted. Electricity and water will be unavailable for days to weeks.
Category 4	130-156 mph 209-251 km/h	Catastrophic damage will occur: Well-built homes can lose most of the roof structure and/or exterior walls. Most trees snapped or uprooted. Power outages will last weeks to months.
Category 5	157 mph or higher 252 km/h or higher	Catastrophic damage will occur: A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed. Residential areas will be isolated. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.