



2023 Hurricane Season: Stay Safe. Say Alive

Hurricanes are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena. On average, 12 tropical storms, 6 of which become hurricanes form over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, or Gulf of Mexico during the hurricane season which runs from June 1 to November 30 each year. In the Central Pacific Ocean, an average of 3 tropical storms, 2 of which become hurricanes form or move over the area during the hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to November

30 each year. Guam, the Northern Marianas and Micronesia experience typhoons all year round but the main season in July through November with a peak from mid-August to mid-September. Over a typical 2-year period, the U.S. coastline is struck by an average of 3 hurricanes, 1 of which is classified as a major hurricane (winds of 111 mph or greater). By knowing what actions to take before the hurricane season begins, when a hurricane approaches, and when the storm is in your area,

as well as what to do after a hurricane leaves your area, you can increase your chance of survival. If you, or someone you know, have been a victim of a hurricane, please share your story, including the town and state you were in and the year the event took place.. Please note that NS will then have permission to use your story for educational campaigns. Sharing this information may help save someone's life in the future. Read stories from survivors and learn how to stay safe.

Rio Grande Valley Evacuation Routes and Information



Image Source: TxDOT

Alternate Hurricane Evacuation Routes for Rio Grande Valley

- A. SH 100 from SPI/Port Isabel travel to US 77/83 northbound, then to US 77 to Raymondville, continue North on US 77 to I-37 in Corpus Christi and continue to San Antonio – Green Solid & *Dashed Route * Available only if Corpus Christi is not evacuating.
- B. SH 48 from SPI/Port Isabel west to US 281 (Military Highway) in Brownsville and continue west on US 281. In Hidalgo turn north on US 281 to Pharr then west on US 83 to Laredo – Red Route E US 281 will not be able to handle all traffic evacuatoin g from the Rio Grande Valley
- C. CONTRA-FLOW ROUTE- US 77/83 northbound from Brownsville to Harlingen then west on US 83 to the Pharr Interchange then North on US 281 to I-37 to San Antonio– *Dashed Blue Route *Motorists could be re-routed from I-37 to US 281 near San Antonio as traffic demands it.
- D. SH 186 from Port Mansfield/Raymondville – travel west to US 281 and continue west on FM 1017 to SH 285 in Hebbronville, then continue west on SH 359 to Laredo or north on SH 16 to San Antonio - Orange Route
- E. SH 285 in Falfurrias travel west to SH 16 in Hebbronville and continue north on SH 16 to San Antonio – Maroon Route

Hurricane Evacuees need to consider the travel path of the hurricane and their destination in choosing evacuation routes. Listen to local authorities and emergency broadcasts about weather and highway conditions. TxDOT will have courtesy patrols on Highways and the surrounding areas. Evacuees should consider alternate routes.

When a hurricane threatens the Rio Grande Valley, your county judge may call for a mandatory west on U.S. Expressway 83 toward Laredo or take U.S. Highway 281 north toward San Antonio. Another alternative is to evacuate to into the interior of Mexico if you are familiar with the roads and/or have family there.

Local radio stations such as KFRQ 94.5 FM, KGBT 98.85 FM, KURV 710 AM and KGBT 1530 AM all broadcast emergency alerts. The phone number for road conditions on state highways is 1-800-452-9292.

2023 Storm Names

1. Arlene	→ 2. Bret	→ 3. Cindy	→ 4. Don	→ 5. Emily	→ 6. Franklin
7. Gert	→ 8. Harold	→ 9. Idalia	→ 10. Jose	→ 11. Katia	→ 12. Lee
13. Margot	→ 14. Nigel	→ 15. Ophelia	→ 16. Philippe	→ 17. Rina	→ 18. Sean
19. Tammy	→ 20. Vince	→ 21. Whitney			