

Tropical storm

ACTION CHECKLIST

Treat tropical storm warnings seriously: dangerous flooding, surge, wind and tornadoes can occur. Check local evacuation instructions, avoid flooded roads, and take shelter before conditions become unsafe.

[] Read all warnings

Check flood, surge and tornado notices as well as wind forecasts.

[] Prepare before arrival

Charge devices, secure loose outdoor items while safe and arrange essential medicines and supplies.

[] Leave if ordered

Follow the evacuation zone and route instructions for your address.

[] Keep travel limited

Stay off roads during hazardous weather and never drive into floodwater.

WATCH FOR

A storm below hurricane strength can still cause catastrophic flooding.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Prepare for loss of water, electricity and communications even if the storm is not a hurricane. Move out of flood and surge areas before access is lost. Do not use the storm name or wind category as proof that your route or home is safe.

Updated 2026-10-02 | Civilian educational guidance. Seek qualified help when reachable and safe; do not delay immediate protective action.

Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/tropical-storm/>

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