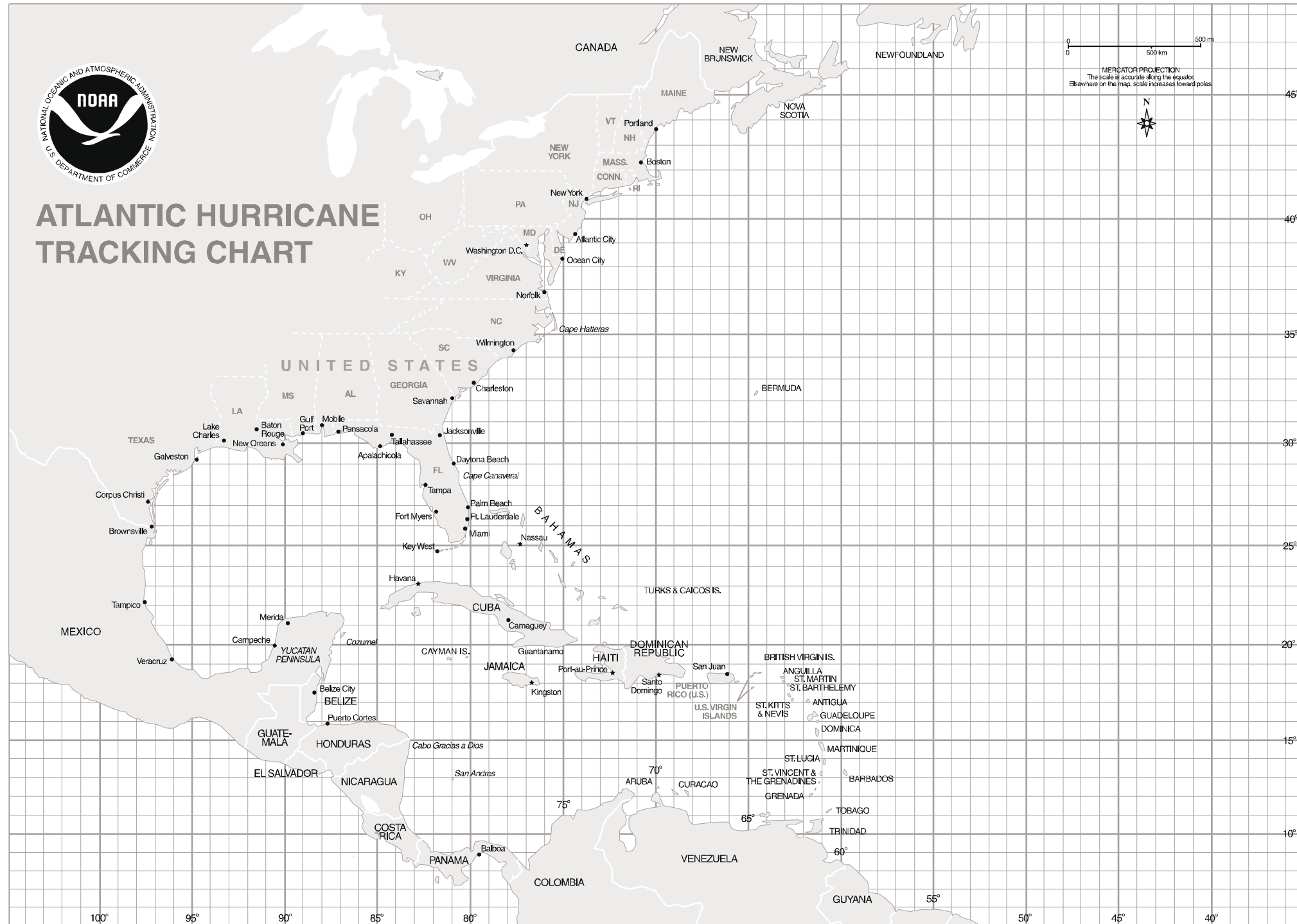


HAVE A PLAN: STEPS TO CREATING A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

- ✓ Buy a NOAA Weather Radio—test it weekly. (Wednesdays, 11a.m.-noon)
- ✓ Discuss the types of disasters that could occur.
- ✓ Identify a safe room in your home or that of a neighbor.
- ✓ Plan escape routes from your home and places to meet.
- ✓ Have an out-of-state family contact.
- ✓ Have a plan for your pets.
- ✓ Post emergency telephone numbers by your phone and make sure children know how and when to call 9-1-1.
- ✓ Check your insurance coverage – flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- ✓ Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a disaster supply kit that should include:
 - A three-day supply of food and water, a change of clothing, a blanket or sleeping bag for each person and a first aid kit that includes medications.
 - Emergency tools: Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries, work gloves and a fire extinguisher.
 - Important family documents in a fire and waterproof container, an extra set of keys, credit card, and cash.
- ✓ Replace batteries, not only in your smoke detector but also in your NOAA Weather Radio in the spring and fall when Daylight Saving Time changes.
- ✓ Take first aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes through your local American Red Cross chapter.



ATLANTIC HURRICANE TRACKING CHART



WATCH AND WARNING... KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

A **HURRICANE WATCH** issued for your part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and protective measures should be initiated.

A **HURRICANE WARNING** issued for your part of the coast indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

SAFFIR-SIMPSON SCALE

- **TROPICAL STORM**
Winds 39-73 mph
- **CATEGORY 1 HURRICANE**
Winds 74-95 mph
No real damage to buildings. Damage to unanchored mobile homes.
- **CATEGORY 2 HURRICANE**
Winds 96-110 mph
Some damage to building roofs, doors and windows. Considerable damage to mobile homes. Some trees blown down.
- **CATEGORY 3 HURRICANE**
Winds 111-130 mph
Some structural damage to small homes. Large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly built signs destroyed.
- **CATEGORY 4 HURRICANE**
Winds 131-155 mph
Wall failures in homes and complete roof structure failure on small homes. Total destruction of mobile homes. Trees, shrubs and signs all blown down.
- **CATEGORY 5 HURRICANE**
Winds 156 mph +
Complete roof failure on homes and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures.



Hurricane Tracking Map

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