

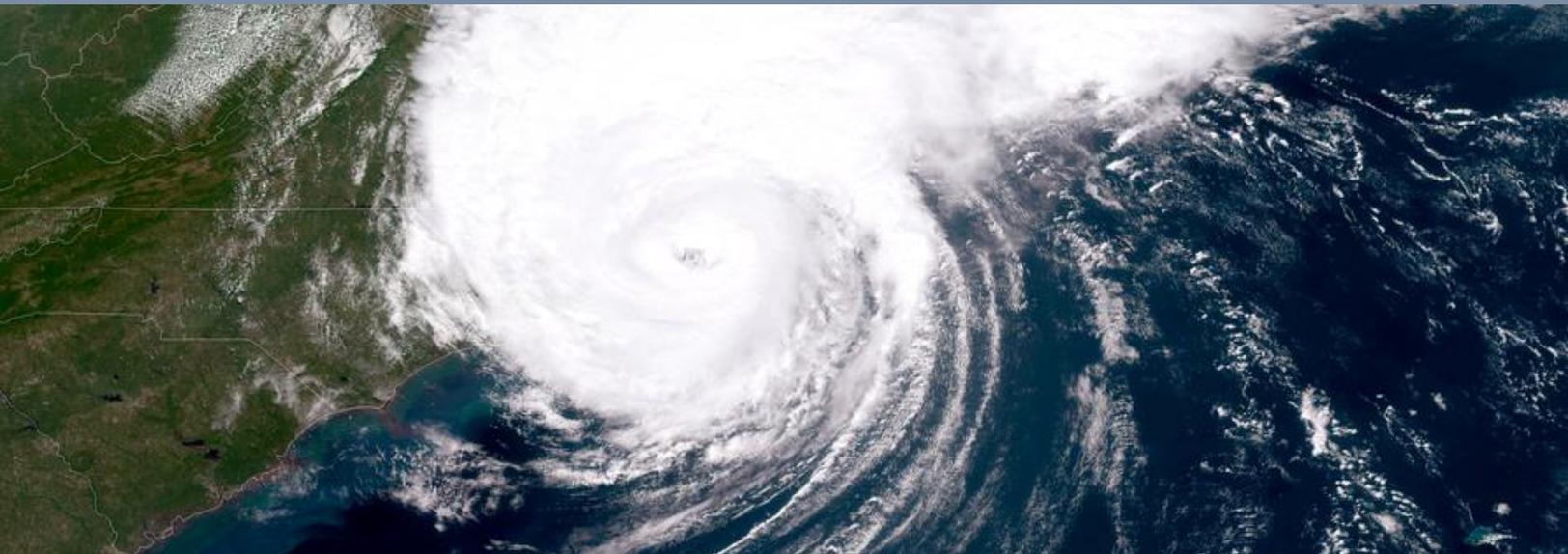


Be Ready

**HURRICANE**

**SEASON**

June 1 - November 30

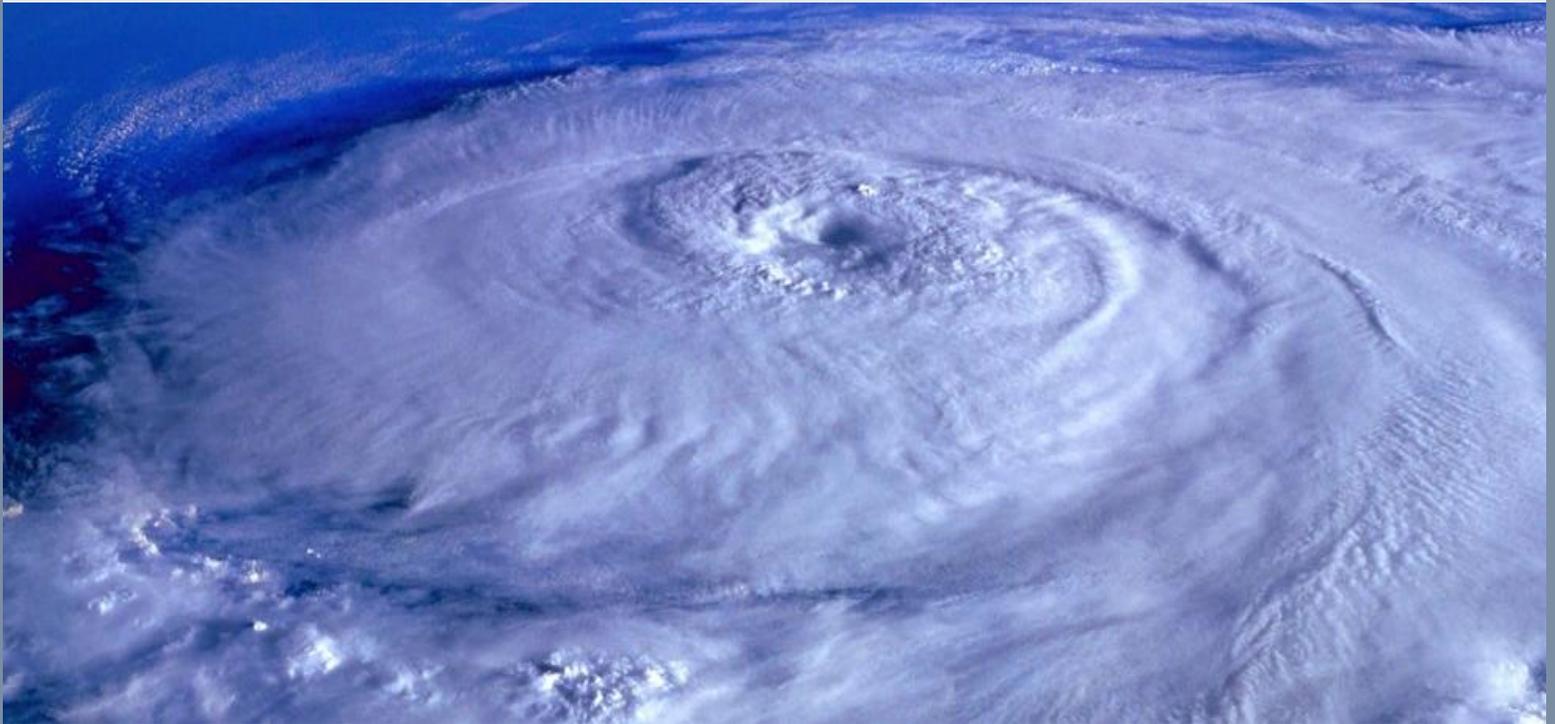




# General Hurricane Information

Hurricane season officially starts June 1st and runs until the end of November.

Hurricanes are large, swirling storms that form over warm ocean waters. Hurricanes can produce winds up to 119 km/hr (74 mph) and higher.



**Category 1:** Winds 119-153 km/hr (74-95 mph) - faster than a cheetah

**Category 2:** Winds 154-177 km/hr (96-110 mph) - as fast or faster than a baseball pitcher's fastball

**Category 3:** Winds 178-208 km/hr (111-129 mph) - similar, or close, to the serving speed of many professional tennis players

**Category 4:** Winds 209-251 km/hr (130-156 mph) - faster than the world's fastest rollercoaster

**Category 5:** Winds more than 252 km/hr (157 mph) - similar, or close, to the speed of some high-speed trains



# Forecast Information

Colorado State University has released its annual prediction that this year's hurricane season is to be "above average". Along with Colorado State University, the National Hurricane Center released its official 2021 Atlantic hurricane season forecast, predicting an above average season.

The 2020 season was a record-breaking season with 30 named storms, 14 hurricanes and seven major hurricanes, way above the average of 12 named storms, six hurricanes and three major hurricanes. This upcoming season is predicted to be above average, but not as big as the 2020 season. Dr. Todd Crawford, chief meteorologist at The Weather Company, forecasts the 2021 season will contain 19 named storms, eight hurricanes, and four major hurricanes. This is based on several factors which include the Atlantic Ocean sea-surface temperatures, La Niña and other teleconnections, computer model forecast guidance and past hurricane seasons.

Due to the predictions, it is important to prepare for this season as an adjuster and homeowner. The next few pages provide information describing how to prepare for the 2021 season.





# Preparation for Hurricane Season

The 2021 hurricane season is predicted to be active, and it is time to prepare now.

Keep reading to find out how to be prepared for this season as an adjuster and homeowner.



## Prepare as a homeowner

**Review emergency plans.** As a homeowner in a hurricane prone state, it is important to have a plan if disaster strikes. Make sure every person in your household knows this plan. If your plan involved daycare, office, or places you frequent, ensure these businesses have a plan of their own to keep their doors open.



# Preparation for Hurricane Season

**Know your evacuation zone.** In some cases, you may have to evacuate quickly due to a strong, destructive hurricane heading your way.

**Learn your evacuation route.** Practice with your household and identify a safe place to relocate to.



**Follow instructions.** It is important to always follow the instructions from local emergency managers, police, and any other officials. They will provide you the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

**Review important Documents.** Make sure you have read and understand your homeowner's insurance policies. It is important to check if you have flood insurance. Many policies do not cover this. Make copies and keep them in a secure place.



# Preparation for Hurricane Season

## Prepare as an adjuster

When preparing for hurricane season as an adjuster, there are a few things that must be checked off your list.

**Licensing.** Make sure all your licenses are current, including any CE credits required. Licenses that are important to obtain are Texas, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Georgia. Do not miss a deployment opportunity due to a licensing issue. You cannot always rely on emergency licensing which can be limited. Priority is given to those adjusters who have an active license.

**Vehicle maintenance.** Make sure your vehicle maintenance is up to date. Check to see if your oil, fluids, tire, A/C, etc. is up to date and in good condition. Deployments sometimes require long hours in the car. You will spend a considerable amount of time in your vehicle and if it is not working, neither are you. It is smart to enter your deployment with a full tank of gas. During a large catastrophe, fuel can be in short supply.





# Preparation for Hurricane Season



**Create a checklist for your essential tools.** Make sure all your tools are accounted for and in good condition before taking off.

- ✓ tape measures
- ✓ pitch gauges
- ✓ shingle gauges
- ✓ laser measuring devices
- ✓ cougar paws flashlight
- ✓ ladder
- ✓ camera
- ✓ charging cords
- ✓ anything else you may need on your deployment.

**Lastly, it is important to look the part.** Be sure your clothing fits, is in good condition and is free of stains and holes. Sometimes this can be overlooked, but it is essential to look professional in the field.



# Preparation for Hurricane Season

## Finding lodging after a catastrophe

Finding housing after being deployed is very important. Many hotels in the area are closed, damaged, or overbooked with people displaced by the catastrophe. It is important to understand that finding a place to stay may be more difficult than you think. You could sleep in your vehicle, but what are your other options?

**Rent an RV.** RV's provide room for sleeping, cooking and a place to write your reports. If you are planning on renting an RV for your deployment, it is important to rent one as soon as you get to go ahead to head to your CAT location.

**Check rental homes/apartments.** While hotels book up quickly, you may be able to snag a temporary rental home. Finding a rental property in the area may be difficult to nearly impossible. You may have to stay outside the radius of the storm – this can be up to 1 to 2 hours out. Check out VRBO or Airbnb to see if there are any accommodations.

**Reach out to other adjusters deploying to the catastrophe** – splitting rooms can be cost effective and give you the chance to socialize after your inspections.





# Preparation for Hurricane Season



## General claims handling during a CAT

When preparing to start inspecting claims that have been assigned to you, it is important to think of a few factors that could a delay in your inspections. It is essential to schedule your inspections with ample time to get from one place to the other.

**Large loss.** You may arrive at an inspection, and it is much more complex that initially believed. This will cause the inspection to take more time than anticipated.

**Road blockage.** A hurricane can cause trees to fall, blocking roads in and out of town. This can cause delays when traveling from inspection to inspection.



# Adjusters: What to Do Before a CAT Hits

When a large catastrophe hits, it is important to be as prepared as possible. This means being prepared before a catastrophe. Below are a few ways to make sure you are ready to deploy within 24 hours of a CAT.

## Field Adjusters and Desk Adjusters

**Be on our roster.** To deploy with Compass Adjusting it is crucial that you are on our roster. Most communications regarding CAT deployments, any daily claims work and important messages from Compass management come through Compass Connect.

**Stay updated.** Once you are on our roster, it is important to keep your profile updated and remain active. To remain active in our system, respond to our communications – texts, emails, and voicemails - in a timely manner and provide us with the information we are requesting.

**Provide us with your information.** If we are requesting information from you, it is because we need it to consider you for future work opportunities. It is also important to keep your profile updated. Be sure to keep us informed when you obtain new licenses, certifications training and skills, by uploading this information to your profile.

### Login



# Adjusters: What to Do Before a CAT Hits

Deployments and updates will vary depending on the assignment. When dealing with CAT claims, these communications will come through emails, phone calls and/text messages.

**CAT.** Information regarding new stand-by lists for CAT deployments will come through email followed by a phone call or text. Always check our social media. If we are actively deploying adjusters, we will post about it.

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Linked-In](#)

**Daily work.** You will receive emails, and phone calls checking your availability from our field managers or recruiters.





# Adjusters: What to Do Before a CAT Hits

## Carriers

Once deployed or assigned daily claims, you will be working one or multiple carriers that Compass works with.

### Field:

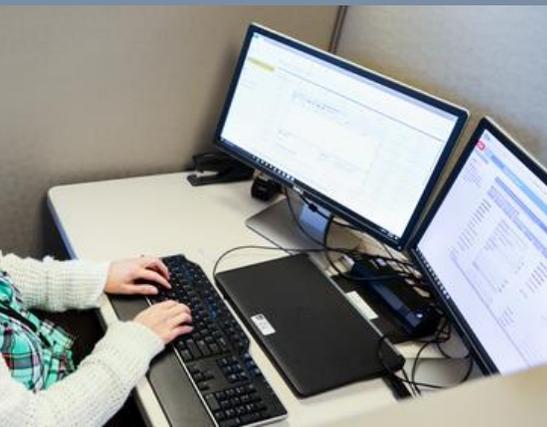
Whether you are working Daily or CAT claims, depending on the state you are in, you could be working for than one carrier. Its important to familiarize yourself with their guidelines in order to be successful.

[Join our team of Field Adjusters!](#)

### Desk:

Compass works with several carriers for staffing desk adjusters and team leads. We handle both daily and CAT positions with these carriers. Currently, all desk positions are remote - work from home. Hours will depend on claim volume as well as workload.

[Come be a part of Compass's Desk team!](#)



# YOU ARE NOW READY FOR HURRICANE SEASON

If you are not on our roster already, do not forget to sign up. It is crucial to be on our roster, especially before hurricane season is in full swing.

**[SIGN UP HERE](#)**

If you are already on our roster, make sure it is updated with your current location, licenses, resume, etc.

**[UPDATE HERE](#)**



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