

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale Summary

SCALE NUMBER (CATEGORY)	SUSTAINED WINDS (MPH)	DAMAGE
1	74-95	<p>Very dangerous winds will produce some damage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Minor damage to exterior of homes <input type="checkbox"/> Toppled tree branches, uprooting of smaller trees <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive damage to power lines, power outages
2	96-110	<p>Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Major damage to exterior of homes <input type="checkbox"/> Uprooting of small trees and many roads blocked <input type="checkbox"/> Guaranteed power outages for long periods of time – days to weeks
3	111-130	<p>Devastating damage will occur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive damage to exterior of homes <input type="checkbox"/> Many trees uprooted and many roads blocked <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely limited availability of water and electricity
4	131-155	<p>Catastrophic damage will occur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of roof structure and/or some exterior walls

		<input type="checkbox"/> Most trees uprooted and most power lines down <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated residential due to debris pile up <input type="checkbox"/> Power outages lasting for weeks to months
5	More than 155	<p>Catastrophic damage will occur</p> <input type="checkbox"/> A high percentage of homes will be destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Fallen trees and power lines isolate residential areas <input type="checkbox"/> Power outages lasting for weeks to months <input type="checkbox"/> Most areas will be uninhabitable