



2014 Hurricane Bulletin

Given the current conditions in the atmosphere and ocean, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting a near-normal or below-normal 2014 Atlantic hurricane season. The developing El Niño in the Pacific Ocean will typically suppress the formation of hurricanes. This climate change often causes stronger wind shear, reducing the number and intensity of tropical storms.

We all know weather can change in a moment's notice here in the Northeast, and it only takes one hurricane to cause a disaster.

NOAA has predicted that there will be:

- 8-13 Named Storms (sustained winds greater than 39 mph)
- 3-6 Hurricanes (sustained winds 74 mph & greater)
- 1-2 Major Hurricanes (sustained winds 111 mph & greater)

It is recommended that all vulnerable coastal property owners make the same hurricane preparations every year, regardless of how active or inactive the seasonal forecast.

It only takes one landfall event near you to make this an active season.

Now is a good time to revisit the pre-storm and post-storm activities you have in your Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for your business and your clients'. An EAP overview is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact your local independent Acadia Insurance agent.

