

EYEING THE STORM: PAST AND FUTURE

The Atlantic hurricane season is **June** to **November**, with the **peak season** from **mid-August** to **late October**. On average there are six hurricanes, three of which are categorized as "major", each year. History provides important examples of the potentially dangerous impact hurricanes can have and the need to be prepared.



The **deadliest hurricane in U.S. history**, referred to as the "**Great Galveston Hurricane**", struck Texas in 1900 and resulted in an estimated **11,000** deaths.

11,000 DEATHS



Since 1851, the top three states for hurricane landfalls are **Florida (114)**, **Texas (63)** and **Louisiana (54)**, according to data from the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory in Miami.

231 HURRICANE LANDFALLS IN TOP 3 STATES (SINCE 1851)



Hurricane Sandy caused **8.5 million power outages** across 21 states, the highest outage total ever.

8.5 MILLION POWER OUTAGES



23 days after **Hurricane Katrina** local utilities had power restored to only **three-quarters** of their customers.

ONLY **3/4** HAD POWER RESTORED

ESFI OFFERS THESE SAFETY TIPS TO HELP YOU:



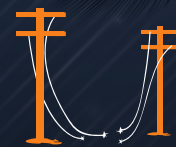
PREPARE

- Unplug your appliances and power cords from outlets to **protect** them from **power surges**.
- If you plan to use a portable generator, ESFI recommends a **licensed electrician** install it to ensure it will **operate safely**.
- **Test** your home's **carbon monoxide detectors** and **smoke alarms** to ensure they're functioning.



WEATHER

- **Stay indoors** during the hurricane and away from windows and glass.
- Use **flashlights** as a source of light. Candles are a fire hazard.
- **Never operate a generator inside your home** or in other enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces, including the garage.
- Use a **battery-operated** radio to stay informed about important safety updates.



RECOVER

- If **flood** waters reached the level of electrical outlets, contact a **licensed electrician** before attempting to use electricity in the home.
- Prior to use, have a qualified service repair dealer determine what electrical equipment should be **replaced** and what can be **reconditioned**.
- **Never touch** a fallen power line or drive through standing water if a downed power line is nearby. **Report downed lines** to local authorities.

ESFi Additional severe weather safety information is available at www.esfi.org.