



HURRICANE FACT SHEET

What is the Risk of Hurricanes in New England?

Southern New England is in the unenviable position of receiving all three-hurricane threats:

- Coastal inundation due to the storm surge.
- Widespread wind damage.
- Widespread inland small stream and river flooding due to torrential rains.

The strongest hurricanes, such as the great New England hurricane of 1938 and Hurricane Carol, have brought severe damage to coastal locations, while totally disrupting utility power for days across the interior from downed trees and high winds. Both the stronger hurricanes and several of the weaker tropical storms have caused inland river flooding in various parts of the New England.

History clearly shows that everyone living in southern New England must take tropical storms and hurricanes seriously. Whether you live along the coast, by a river or stream, or far inland, a tropical storm or hurricane striking New England will have a great impact on you and your local area.

Whenever a tropical storm or hurricane strikes, tune in the [NOAA](#) weather radio for the latest information, 24 hours a day.

