

Current Information

Moving N at 14 mph

80mph

Hurricane Idalia 8:00 AM

August 29, 2023

Tropical Activity Atlantic – Hurricane Idalia (CAT 1)

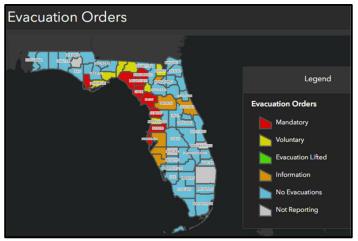
- The center of the storm is over the southern Gulf of Mexico about 320 miles south-southwest of Tampa.
- Idalia should move northward through the Gulf of Mexico and then turn northeast toward Florida into Tuesday night.
- Plenty of warm water and increasingly favorable upper-level winds will make rapid intensification possible. Idalia is forecast to be at Category 3 strength when it makes landfall Wednesday morning, most likely in Florida's Big Bend region.
- After that, it will track near south Georgia and the coastal Carolinas through Thursday while weakening to a tropical storm.
- A hurricane warning is in effect from the middle of Longboat Key to Indian Pass, including Tampa Bay. A hurricane warning means that hurricane conditions (74+ mph winds) are expected somewhere in this area within 24 hours.
- Hurricane warnings are also in effect for some inland areas of northern Florida and south Georgia.
- A storm surge warning is in effect for Englewood to Indian Pass, including Tampa Bay. This means there is a danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline within the specified area, generally within 36 hours.
- The National Weather Service in Tallahassee noted in their Tuesday morning discussion, "Widespread deep inundation with storm surge flooding will be greatly accentuated by powerful battering waves. Locations may be uninhabitable for an extended period of time. Near-shore escape routes and secondary roads may be washed out or severly flooded."
- Heavier rain appears to begin later Tuesday, continuing into Thursday from Florida into parts of Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. That will likely trigger local flash flooding in some areas.
- Parts of the west coast of Florida, the Florida Panhandle, southeast Georgia and the eastern Carolinas may receive 4 to 8 inches of rainfall, with isolated higher amounts of 12 inches possible, primarily near landfall in northern Florida, according to the National Hurricane Center.
- Isolated tornadoes may develop ahead of Idalia on Tuesday along the west-central Florida coast and will spread into the Big Bend area by Tuesday night.
- The threat for a few tornadoes may persist across parts of northern Florida Wednesday morning and will spread along the Southeast coast later Wednesday.
- Gov. Ron DeSantis said 46 counties are included in a state of emergency, with several counties that border the Gulf under evacuation orders.
- 2.1 million Floridians in the cone; 6.4 million Americans in the cone.



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- DeSantis said 650 Starlink internet dishes are ready to help with connectivity after the storm if needed.
- Evacuations have already been ordered in 21 counties as of Monday night, and Governor DeSantis is urging residents who are being told to evacuate to do so.
- Tampa International Airport closed early Tuesday morning due to Idalia's impending landfall, as additional flight disruptions are expected in and out of Florida. St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport will close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.





Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments					
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End	
		Requested	Completed	Start-Eriu	
	N/A				

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request						
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes		
ОН	Train Derailment Feb 3-8, 2023	7/3/2023	Pending	1 County		
PA*	Severe Storm, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding July 9, 2023	7/31/2023	Pending	1 County		
WY	Flooding June 15, 2023	8/1/2023	Pending	1 County		



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KY	Severe Storms, Flooding, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes July 17-20, 2023	8/18/2023	Pending	5 Counties		
AR*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes June 25, 2023	8/23/2023	Pending	7 Counties		

^{*}Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters					
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline	
4709 FL	Flood	1 County	116	6/27/2023	
4724 HI	Wildfires	1 County	15	10/10/2023	

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