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Hurricane Season 2022: 19 Named Storms, 9 Hurricanes Predicted

by Steve Hallo

The 2022 hurricane season is projected to see 19 named storms and nine hurricanes, four of which are expected to turn into major hurricanes, according to researchers at Colorado State University's Department of Atmospheric Science.

An average season, based on data from 1991-2020, sees around 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes and three major hurricanes (Category 3 or above), according to CSU's extended range forecast. This past year saw the third-most named storms on record, and seven of those 21 storms became hurricanes. Of those, four were categorized as major.

"While tropical Atlantic water temperatures are currently near their long-term averages, the warmer-than-normal subtropical eastern Atlantic typically forces a weaker subtropical high and associated weaker winds blowing across the tropical Atlantic. These conditions then lead to warmer waters in the tropical Atlantic for the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season," Phil Klotzbaach, PhD, a research scientist at CSU's Department of Atmospheric Science and a non-resident scholar with the Insurance

Information Institute (Triple-I), said in a release.

The continental U.S. coastline has a 71% probability of at least one major hurricane making landfall. During the past century the average probability was 52%, CSU reported. Further, the East Coast (including the Florida Peninsula) has a 47% chance of at least one major hurricane making landfall, while the probability for the Gulf Coast (Florida's Panhandle west to Brownsville) is 46%. The Caribbean's probability is 60%.

"The widespread damage the U.S. experienced last year from tropical systems highlighted the importance of being financially protected from catastrophic losses and that includes having adequate levels of property insurance and flood coverage. In fact, we not only saw historic levels of flooding in coastal areas in 2021, but throughout inland communities as well. All it takes is one storm to make it an active season for you and your family, so it is time to prepare as the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season's start nears," Sean Kevelighan, Triple-I CEO, said in a release.

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Climate-Friendly Cities: Is Anywhere Truly Safe?

by Brittney Meredith-Miller

There isn't anywhere in the United States that has been completely untouched by climate change. In fact, according to the NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI), the U.S. saw two exceptionally busy years for catastrophic weather events in 2020 and 2021, and with the way these statistics are trending, it appears these disastrous events may be our new normal.

In 2020, a record was set for billion-dollar climate and weather disasters in a calendar year with 22 events. While 2021 comes in second with 20 billion-dollar events, what set it apart from previous years was the variety of disasters.

According to the NCEI, 2021 saw:

- 1 winter storm/ cold wave event in the deep south;
- 1 wildfire event, with impacts across Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington;
- 1 drought and heat wave event across the western U.S.;
- 2 flood events in California and Louisiana;
- 3 tornado outbreaks, including December's long-track tornado and outbreak;
- 4 tropical cyclones;
- 8 severe weather events across the U.S., including the December Midwest derecho.

These 2021 weather events either directly or indirectly caused at least 688 fatalities; the most the country has seen since 2011.

The effects of climate change may be widespread, but there are still some areas of the country that are more resilient to the effects.

A recent study from Hippo combined data from the EPA, ClimateCheck.com and Policygenius to determine the U.S. cities most resistant to climate change issues. The EPA's score is based on an area's resilience to meteorological events and natural disasters (the higher the score, the more resilient the area); ClimateCheck.com's rating (0-100) is based on an area's risk of climate change events compared to other areas in the U.S. (the lower the score, the lower the risk); and a higher score with Policygenius indicates a better outlook for an area's low-emissions future, while a lower score signifies a worse outlook.

These factors, combined with a look at local weather, home insurance rates and the risk of natural disasters, led Hippo to declare the following cities the most "climate-friendly" in the U.S.:

- Bakersfield, California
- El Paso, Texas
- Tucson, Arizona
- Boise, Idaho
- Laredo, Texas
- Reno, Nevada
- Riverside, California
- Fresno, California
- Madison, Wisconsin
- San Francisco, California

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CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA) MEETING** on **April 27, 2022 beginning at 5:30 PM** to consider an amendment to the City's Land Development Code, Chapter 71, "Landscaping and Buffers," to revise artificial turf regulations. The meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.**

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 22-

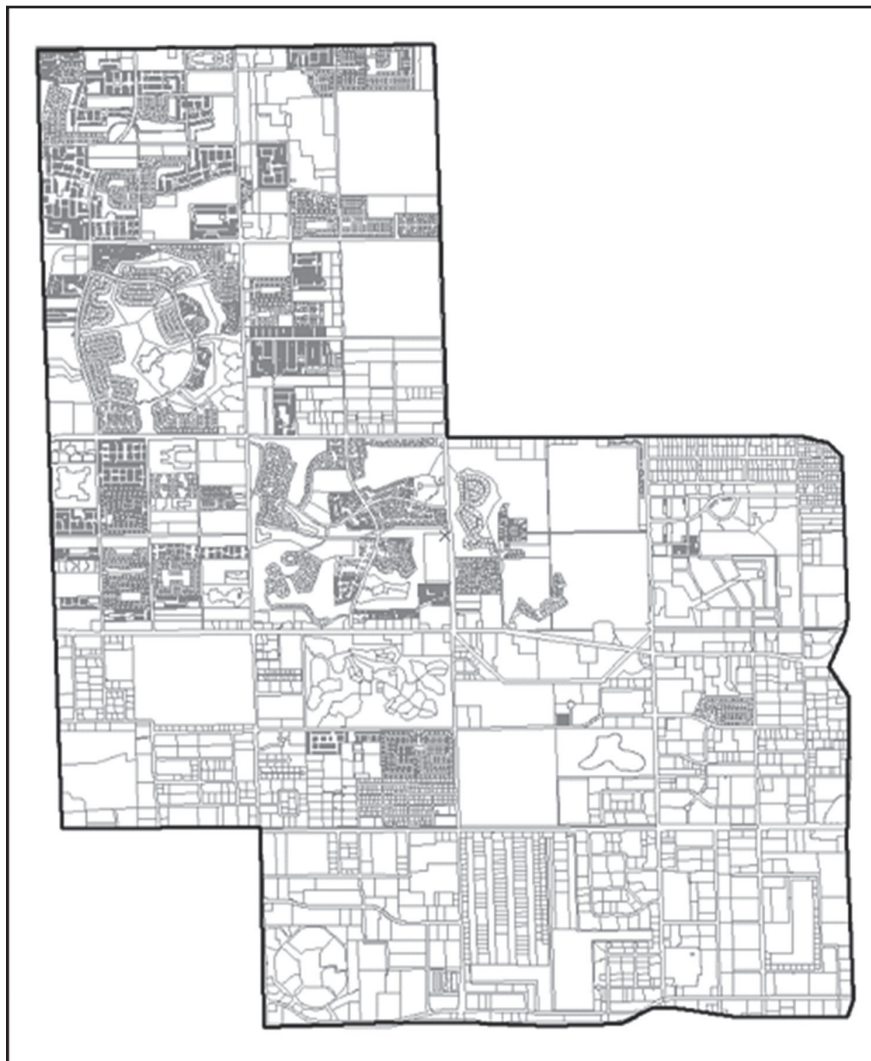
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SITTING AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL / DENIAL OF, OR GOING FORWARD WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 71, "LANDSCAPING AND BUFFERS," ARTICLE II, "MINIMUM STANDARDS," DIVISION 7, "ARTIFICIAL TURF," TO REVISE ARTIFICIAL TURF REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 22-04-DOR-01

APPLICANT: City of Doral

REQUEST: The City Manager's Office respectfully recommends that the Mayor and City Councilmembers approve an amendment to the City's Land Development Code modifying Chapter 71, "Landscaping and Buffers," Article II, "Minimum Standards," Division 7, "Artificial Turf," to revise artificial turf regulations.

Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC
City Clerk
City of Doral