

## 2015 Hurricane Bulletin

This past winter provided a strong reminder of how powerful the weather can be here in the Northeast as evidenced by the record snow fall and associated damage in many regions. The hope for sunnier days comes in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) prediction that the 2015 Atlantic hurricane will be below normal. 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:

- 6-11 Named Storms (sustained winds greater than 39 mph)
- 3-6 Hurricanes (sustained winds 74 mph & greater)
- 0-2 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.

***We remind everyone that according to Acadia's underwriting rules:***

**Property coverage in an affected area cannot be bound once a hurricane watch has been announced.**

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