

IMPORTANT APPS TO HAVE THIS HURRICANE SEASON



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HURRICANE TRACKER This old-school hurricane tracking app was one of the first and it remains relevant. It provides detailed storm maps. National Hurricane Center info, threat-level maps, forecast updates, real-time feeds and push alerts.



HURRICANE AMERICAN RED CROSS This app allows you to monitor conditions while also providing plenty of information on preparing your home and family, finding help and shelters (which could be especially helpful) and alerting others of your status.



NOAA NOW Provides comprehensive information including: hurricanes and tropical storms in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans; mainland storms, including the latest tornado and severe thunderstorm alerts; worldwide animated satellite views; the latest marine conditions from the National Data Buoy Center; the ultraviolet index.



ZELLO One needs to be connected to a cellular or wireless network to use the walkie-talkie feature, but it's a very effective way to communicate and users can join channels for easy group messaging.



SNAPCHAT'S SNAP MAP The interactive map lets users share their location with friends or the public. Snapchat users are turning to Snap Maps to keep tabs on flooding and other damage across Houston neighborhoods in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.



GASBUDDY Hitting the road? Designed for year-round use, as in, not just evacuations, the app leads drivers to the cheapest gas in their areas. But now, it's new and improved with a hurricane-specific update: This app update provides gas and power availability tracking for areas impacted by the hurricanes. Users who need to refuel cars, boats and jet skis to aid rescue operations can easily search for stations that have power and fuel.



FEMA The FEMA app provides tips and tools for before, during and after disasters, including weather-related alerts from the U.S. National Weather Service. It also helps in locations of planned family meeting sites, locate open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person at Disaster Recovery Centers.



THE WEATHER CHANNEL The Weather Channel is a great resource for weather info. Hurricanes are usually the headlines when they're around so it's easy to find news and analysis about each one. It's a good spot for in-depth analysis and predictions about whatever hurricane is happening. There is also a second app specifically for hurricane tracking (Storm Radar). It has a radar specifically for storm tracking along with other information.

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