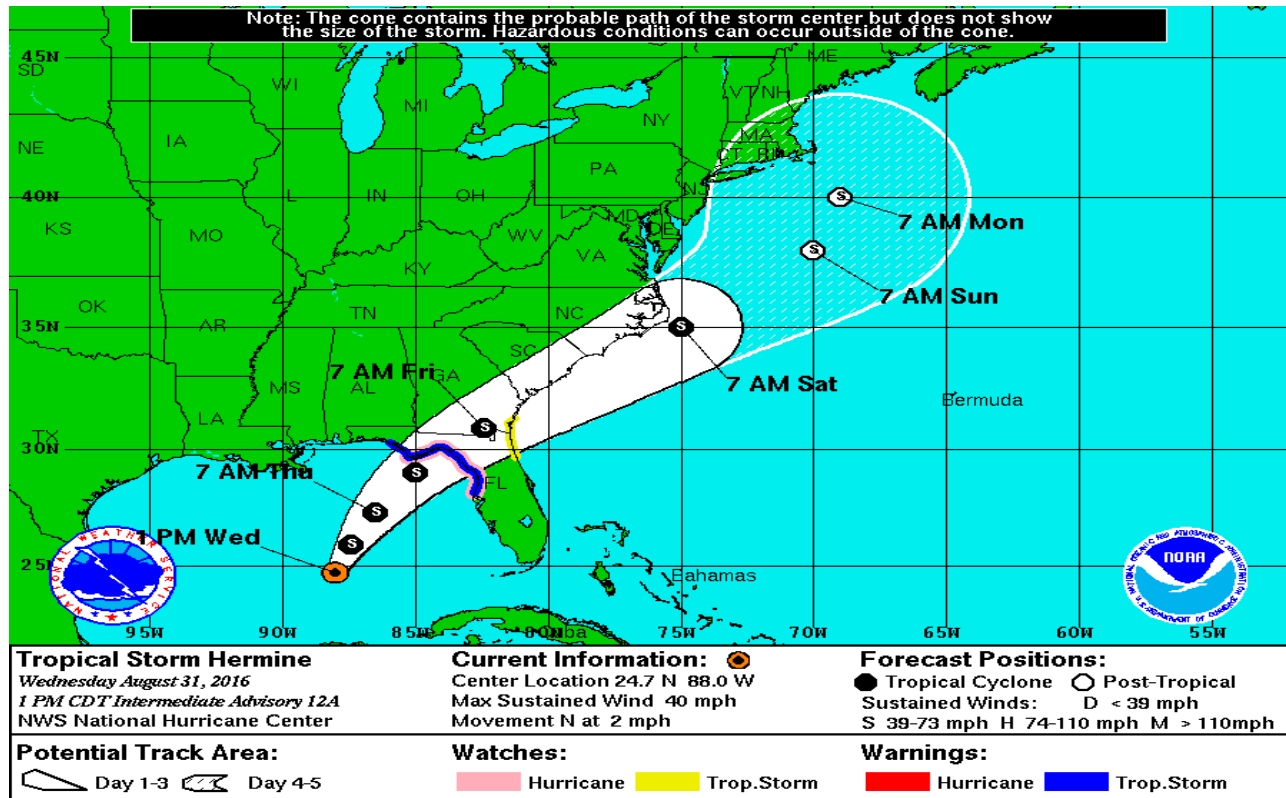


# Hurricane Hermine

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## Manufactured Homes in Florida fare well in Hurricane Hermine.



It seems that the State of Florida, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, **Manufactured Housing Sections** efforts to ensure that mobile homes in Florida are installed “set-up” to the new Florida stringent set up regulations has had positive results.

These regulations were amended in 1994 to better ensure that mobile/manufactured homes can withstand strong winds. In addition, all mobile/manufactured homes must be installed in accordance with Rule Chapter 15C-1, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), which are among the most stringent mobile/manufactured home installation standards in the United States.

All mobile/manufactured homes that are installed in Florida must be installed by a licensed mobile/manufactured home installer. Investigations of damage to mobile homes from the 2004 and 2005 hurricanes found that no homes built subsequent to the new HUD construction regulations sustained any significant damage and all homes installed in accordance with Rule 15C-1, F.A.C. tended to also fair well. To ensure the safety of mobile/manufactured homes there are also restrictions on where such homes may be set-up. No mobile/manufactured home can be set-up in Florida unless it was built in accordance with the standards that apply to the Wind Zone applicable to the county where it is to be set-up.

Hurricane Hermine was a category 1 hurricane that made landfall along the Big Bend coast of Florida just east of St. Marks. Hurricane Hermine slammed into the Big Bend early Friday morning **September 2, 2016**, making landfall around 1:30 am just east of St. Marks, Florida near the Wakulla-Jefferson County line. Maximum sustained winds were near 80 mph. Hermine brought devastating winds to the Big Bend area which resulted in extensive downed trees and power lines causing significant power outages lasting days across the Big Bend area. Hermine also caused extensive flooding.

Hurricane Hermine was the first hurricane to make landfall along the Apalachee Bay Coast since 1966. Hermine caused one direct death in Florida as a result of strong winds while it was a tropical cyclone. A 56-year old homeless man died in Ocala, Florida when a tree fell on his tent behind a gas station.

Damage assessments in Florida concluded that 1,600 homes and businesses in the state were destroyed or sustained major or minor damage. More than 253,000 customers lost power in the state, with about 75,000 losing power in Tallahassee.

**Some mobile homes sustained severe damage from falling trees, however, there were no mobile homes reported in Florida to have left their foundation or had severe damage due to direct wind.**