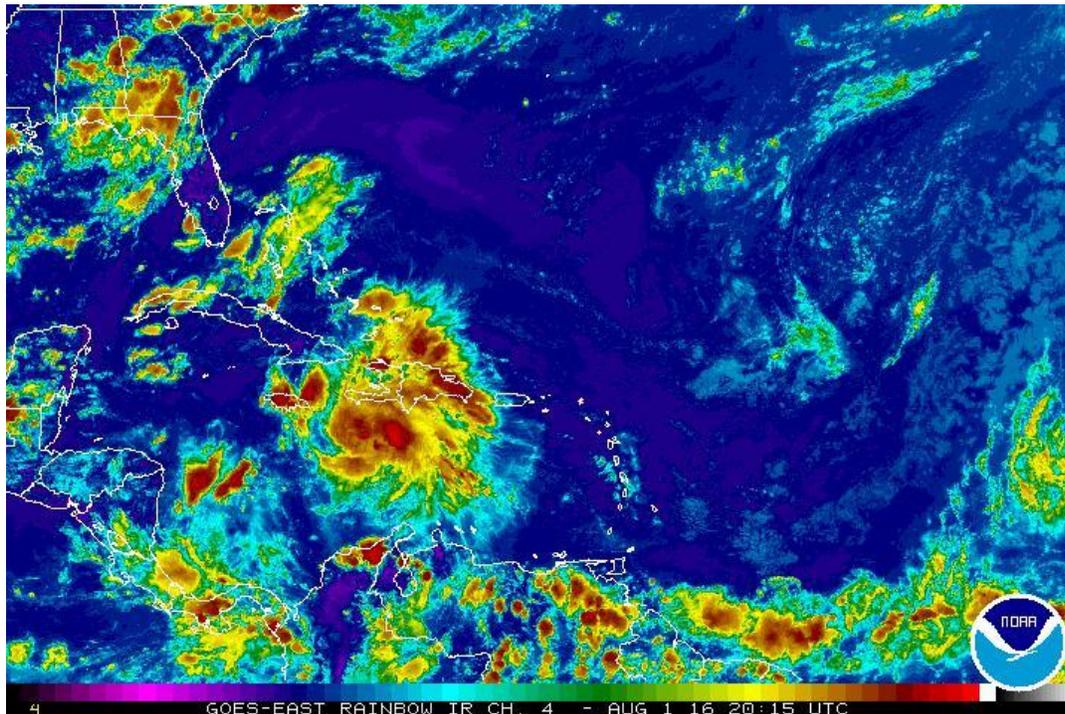


HURRICANE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Below is a map of current meteorological conditions from the NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



For current information on hurricane activity, visit the [National Hurricane Center website](#).

Prepare Yourself for Hurricane Season

Like the rest of the Caribbean, the Belize is a hurricane-prone country. The hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30, with the peak season from mid-August to late October.

A hurricane is a low pressure system that generally forms in the tropics accompanied by heavy winds. Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and several hundred miles inland. Winds can exceed 155 miles per hour. Hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes and microbursts, create storm surges along the coast, and cause flooding and extensive damage from heavy rainfall. To learn more about hurricanes, visit <http://www.weather.gov/os/hurricane/index.shtml>.

The National Hurricane Center monitors tropical storms in the Caribbean. You can quickly check on current hurricane conditions by clicking <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>.

Be Prepared

Minor storms can develop into hurricanes quickly. U.S. citizens living in Belize should prepare in advance for hurricanes by maintaining a stock of bottled water, non-perishable food items, a battery-powered radio, vital documents (e.g., passport), and prescription medications.

- For local updates, please visit <http://site.nemo.org.bz/> or by call the National Emergency Management Organization at 501-822-2054/hotline 936.

U.S. citizens should monitor local radio and other media to stay aware of any weather developments in their area. Updated travel information may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 or 1-202-501-4444.

Following are some web links to help you monitor the latest weather conditions:

Other Sites:

- [Weather Channel](#) – Contains worldwide weather forecasts and information
- [Weather Underground](#) – Weather predictions and tropical weather information.
- [World Weather Information Service](#) – A service of the UN World Meteorological Organization

See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Belize Country Specific Information](#).

Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (**STEP**) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.