



Worldwide Tropical Cyclone Names

Experience shows that the use of short distinctive given names in written as well as in spoken communications is quicker and less subject to error than the older more cumbersome latitude-longitude identification methods. These advantages are especially important in exchanging detailed storm information between hundreds of widely scattered stations, coastal bases, and ships at sea.

Since 1953, Atlantic tropical storms have been named from lists originated by the National Hurricane Center. They are now maintained and updated by an international committee of the World Meteorological Organization. The original name lists featured only women's names. In 1979, men's names were introduced, and they have alternated with the women's names. Six lists are used in rotation. Thus the 2025 list will be used again in 2031.

The only time that there is a change to the list is, if a storm is so deadly or costly that the future use of its name for a different storm would be inappropriate for reasons of sensitivity. If that occurs, then at an annual meeting by the WMO committee (called primarily to discuss many other issues) the offending name is stricken from the list and another name is selected to replace it. In the event of more than 21 name tropical cyclones occur in the Atlantic basin in a season, additional storms will take names from the Greek alphabet: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, and so on.

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Andrea	Arthur	Ana	Alex	Arlene	Alberto
Barry	Bertha	Bill	Bonnie	Bret	Brianna
Chantal	Cristobal	Claudette	Colin	Cindy	Chris
Dexter	Dolly	Danny	Danielle	Don	Debby
Erin	Edouard	Elsa	Earl	Emily	Ernesto
Fernand	Fay	Fred	Farrah	Franklin	Francine
Gabrielle	Gonzalo	Grace	Gaston	Gert	Gordon
Humberto	Hanna	Henri	Hermine	Harold	Holly
Imelda	Isaias	Imani	Idris	Idalia	Isaac
Jerry	Josephine	Julian	Julia	Jose	Joyce
Karen	Kyle	Kate	Karl	Katia	Kirk
Lorenzo	Leah	Larry	Lisa	Lee	Leslie
Melissa	Marco	Mindy	Martin	Margot	Miguel
Nestor	Nana	Nicholas	Nicole	Nigel	Nadine
Olga	Omar	Odette	Owen	Ophelia	Oscar
Pablo	Paulette	Peter	Paula	Philippe	Patty
Rebekah	Rene	Rose	Richard	Rina	Rafael
Sebastien	Sally	Sam	Shary	Sean	Sara
Tanya	Teddy	Teresa	Tobias	Tammy	Tony
Van	Vicky	Victor	Virginie	Vince	Valerie
Wendy	Wilfred	Wanda	Walter	Whitney	William