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HURRICANE NAMES - 2009

The word "Hurricane" is derived from the Carib term for "God of Evil". In the West Indies hurricanes were originally named after the Saint upon whose holyday the storm occurred. Until 1953, the custom was to refer to storms by their year or location i.e.: "The Hurricane of 1938" or "The Galveston Hurricane of 1900", when the National Hurricane Center began using female names, in alphabetical order. In 1979, alternating male and female names began. As listed below, six rotating lists of names are utilized for Atlantic Tropical Cyclones. An international committee of the World Meteorological Organization decides at the conclusion of each hurricane season if the name of an extremely deadly or costly storm should be retired and replaced on the list. These are the names utilized in the six-year cycle of names. Except for any retired names, in 2015 the 2009 list will be repeated. As we saw in 2005, once the 21 Tropical Cyclone names are used up, additional storms take the names from the letters of the Greek alphabet: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, etc.

Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names 2009-2014

<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Ana	Alex	Arlene	Alberto	Andrea	Arthur
Bill	Bonnie	Bret	Beryl	Barry	Bertha
Claudette	Colin	Cindy	Chris	Chantal	Cristobal
Danny	Danielle	Don	Debby	Dorian	Dolly
Erika	Earl	Emily	Ernesto	Erin	Edouard
Fred	Fiona	Franklin	Florence	Fernand	Fay
Grace	Gaston	Gert	Gordon	Gabrielle	Gustav
Henri	Hermine	Harvey	Helene	Humberto	Hanna
Ida	Igor	Irene	Isaac	Ingrid	Ike
Joaquin	Julia	Jose	Joyce	Jerry	Josephine
Kate	Karl	Katia	Kirk	Karen	Kyle
Larry	Lisa	Lee	Leslie	Lorenzo	Laura
Mindy	Matthew	Maria	Michael	Melissa	Marco
Nicholas	Nicole	Nate	Nadine	Nestor	Nana
Odette	Otto	Ophelia	Oscar	Olga	Omar
Peter	Paula	Philippe	Patty	Pablo	Paloma
Rose	Richard	Rina	Rafael	Rebekah	Rene
Sam	Shary	Sean	Sandy	Sebastien	Sally
Teresa	Tomas	Tammy	Tony	Tanya	Teddy
Victor	Virginie	Vince	Valerie	Van	Vicky
Wanda	Walter	Whitney	William	Wendy	Wilfred