



HURRICANE TRACKING CHART

HOW DO HURRICANES FORM?

Hurricanes form over a large mass of warm ocean water during the warmer months. Air from surrounding areas with higher air pressure pushes in to the low pressure area. Then that "new" air becomes warm and moist and rises, too. As the warm air continues to rise, the surrounding air swirls in to take its place. As the warmed, moist air rises and cools off, the water in the air forms clouds. The whole system of clouds and wind spins and grows, fed by the ocean's heat and water evaporating from the surface.

HOW MUCH DESTRUCTION CAN A HURRICANE CAUSE?

Hurricanes can cause billions of dollars worth of property damage every year to man-made fixtures as well as to natural surroundings such as trees and shrubbery. These storms can also change an area's landscape; resulting in hills, roads and trails to wash away.

