

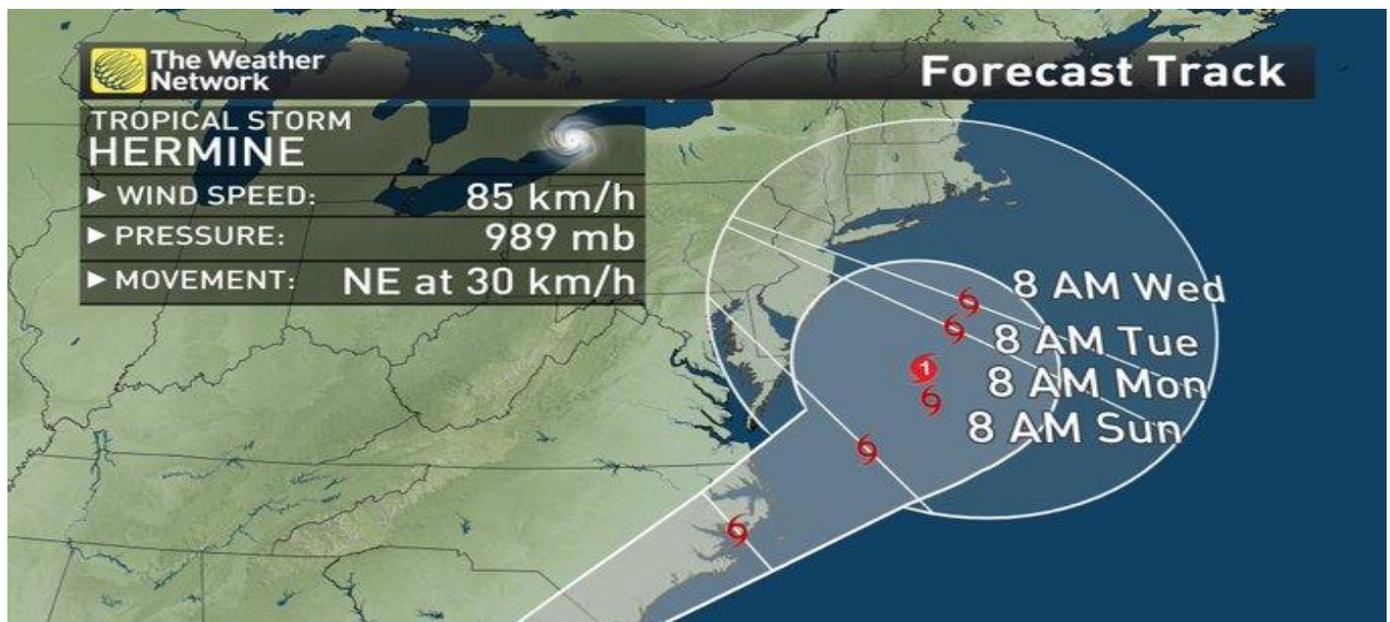


Friday, September 2, 2016, 7:26 PM - Tropical Storm Hermine made landfall in Florida as a Category 1 hurricane early Friday, leaving one dead and causing severe coastal damage in its wake. Hermine was the first hurricane to make landfall in the state since Wilma struck 11 years ago.

The storm [continues on its track up the U.S. Eastern Seaboard through the weekend](#) -- heading right up to New York -- setting off tropical storm watches throughout the U.S. Atlantic Coast.

Hermine strengthened to a Category 1 hurricane just before 3 p.m. EDT Thursday and made landfall around 1:30 a.m. EDT east of St. Marks in the Big Bend area, along the Florida Panhandle.

After tracking over land, Hermine lost some of its punch, weakening back to a tropical storm at 5 a.m. EDT Friday morning.



But Weather Network meteorologists highlight the potential for the storm to re-strengthen by Monday.

11amEDT update [#Hermine](#) - possibly re-strengthening to hurricane Monday. Tropical Storm Watches expanded up coast.

Power was cut to over 70,000 residents in Tallahassee. Several schools were closed Friday due to the storm including, Florida State University's main campus in Tallahassee see and the University of South Florida in Tampa.



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Tallahassee. #HurricaneHermine now #TSHermine @CBS12 <http://cbs12.com/news/local/hurricane-hermine-to-make-landfall-around-midnight...>
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While all hurricane watches and warnings have been dropped, tropical storm warnings remain in effect for parts of the Florida Gulf Coast, Georgia and up through North Carolina.

Florida Governor Rick Scott declared an emergency on Wednesday in 51 of the state's 67 counties in advance of Hurricane Hermine. A mandatory evacuation notice was issued for several Gulf Coast communities including, Franklin County.

Scott urged residents to heed warnings Thursday, calling the storm life-threatening.

"We have a hurricane. You can rebuild a home. You can rebuild property. You cannot rebuild a life," he told reporters. "We have 6,000 members of the national guard ready to be mobilized."

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal also declared a state of emergency for 56 counties, parts of which are forecast to receive up to 250 mm of rain over the weekend. Additionally, North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory issued a state of emergency for 33 counties.



Key Messages for Tropical Storm Hermine September 2, 2016 – 5 a.m. EDT



1. Hermine made landfall near St. Marks, Florida, around 1:30 a.m. EDT (0530 UTC) with winds of 70 knots (80 mph).

2. Tropical storm conditions are expected to begin within the warning area along the U.S. Atlantic coast later today, and spread northward through the weekend. Wind in the tropical storm warning area along the Gulf coast of Florida should gradually diminish today.

3. There is a danger of life-threatening inundation within the next 12 to 24 hours along the Gulf coast of Florida from Indian Pass to Longboat Key. The NWS prototype Storm Surge Watch/Warning graphic (experimental) is linked at http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at4+shtml/152206.shtml?wsurge#contents

4. Hermine is expected to become a post-tropical cyclone while still producing hazardous winds and storm surge over land. NWS policy allows NHC to write advisories on and issue tropical storm watches and warnings for post-tropical cyclones, when the system continues to pose a significant threat to life and property. NHC and the NWS Eastern Region have decided that this option will be invoked for Hermine. After Hermine becomes a post-tropical cyclone, NHC will continue to issue its full suite of advisory and warning products for as long as the system remains a significant threat to land.

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