



# PLM Fleet Hurricane Tips

The forecast for the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season indicates a very active period, with experts predicting above-normal hurricane activity. As many of us have experienced first-hand, hurricanes are powerful and far-reaching, often causing dangerous storm surges that can be felt hundreds of miles inland.

By identifying areas of vulnerability and taking actions to prepare, you can potentially reduce the impact of a hurricane.

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## **As we are entering into hurricane season, PLM Fleet is providing safety tips to mitigate possible storm damage to your refrigerated fleet.**

- Move all trailers to higher ground, or if your site is in a flood zone, relocate units offsite.
- Park trailers close together to minimize movement.
- Fill fuel tanks before the storm. Diesel fuel will be hard to secure after the storm passes through.

Once the storm passes, we recommend inspecting your equipment prior to being utilized since a combination of salt and/or contaminated water can damage brake, electrical components, and the refrigeration unit.

### **Some key areas to inspect include:**

- Trailers suspected of sitting in water need to have the wheel bearings checked for water intrusion and repacked with grease or oil as needed.
- The electrical system should be tested to check ABS and light operations.
- Fuel system should be checked for water intrusion, and fuel tank sump drained. If water is in the tank, then fuel filters need to be changed and fuel system bled out.
- Inspect the TRU for any additional signs of flood damage.
- Check oil level for signs of water intrusion in the engine crankcase.

**If there is any doubt about damage to the equipment or if you have any equipment needs, please contact your local PLM branch for assistance.**

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