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Tropical Activity Hurricane Melissa (CAT 5)

- Hurricane Melissa is just hours from a historic, catastrophic Category 5 landfall in Jamaica today with life-threatening flash flooding, landslides, destructive winds and storm surge in one of the strongest landfalls on record anywhere in the Atlantic Basin.
- Currently located about 55 miles south-southeast of Negril, Jamaica, moving north-northeast at 7 mph. Hurricane force winds ex-
- Hurricane
 Melissa
 8:00 AM EDT

 175 mph

 Moving: N 7 mph

 WED Early AM
 140 mph

 Port-au-Prince

 San Juan
- tending up to 30 miles from the center, that means its eyewall with most intense winds is quickly closing in on western Jamaica.
- The National Hurricane Center is warning that up to 40 inches of rain could fall in southern Hispaniola and Jamaica through Wednesday.
- That torrential rainfall is likely to trigger catastrophic, life-threatening flash flooding and landslides in Jamaica and Haiti, especially in hilly and mountainous terrain.
- In addition to the rainfall flood threat, the NHC is forecasting a storm surge of 9 to 13 feet above ground level east of where Melissa is forecast to make landfall along the southern coast of Jamaica early Tuesday.
- Melissa will likely be Jamaica's most intense hurricane landfall on record and will be the first Category 5 landfall anywhere in the Atlantic Basin since Hurricane Dorian slammed the northwestern Bahamas beginning on Sept. 1, 2019.
- Melissa likely will also be among the most intense Category 5 Atlantic Basin landfalls on record.

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters				
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4892 WI	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding and Mudslides	3 Counties	24	11/12/2025



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