

# Discovering disasters on web

It is very true that “We cannot command Nature except by obeying her”. But what we can do is to learn more and more about it and make ourselves cautious about its fury. Here are some web links, which provide us some excellent resources to know more about natural disasters, which frequently interrupt the rhythm of our lives. If we cannot protest against nature, at least, we can try to protect ourselves through discovering the mood of the nature!

## General Disaster

- <http://www.disasterrelief.org>  
The Disaster Relief website has topics on hurricanes, volcanoes and many other disasters. It has many news articles and one can search for a specific topic.
- <http://www.iwaynet.net/~kwroejr/violent.html>  
This website has topics on earthquakes, fires, volcanoes, and weather-related disasters. It also provides many links in categories listed by type of disaster.
- <http://www.iaaa.iix.com/disastrs.htm>  
This site has been prepared by the Independent Insurance Agents of America to give information about natural disasters to consumers.
- [www.disasternews.net](http://www.disasternews.net)  
This site provides online news service covering disaster relief operations and current issues in emergency management.
- <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>  
In this site, an in-depth guide to citizen preparedness provided by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

## Earthquake

- <http://www.teleport.com/~jstar/earthq.html>  
This site is very good for getting information about earthquakes. It has 41 different links to connect to other information.

- <http://quake.wr.usgs.gov/recenteqs/>  
This site has been developed by the U.S. Geological Survey, which is in-depth and is updated hourly.
- <http://www.neic.cr.usgs.gov/neis/eqlists/eqlists.html>  
This site was developed and is maintained by the National Earthquake Information Centre, which is a department of the U.S. Geological Survey.
- <http://seismo.unr.edu>  
This site provides information about earthquakes and preparedness of earthquakes.
- <http://quake.wr.usgs.gov/>  
How-to mavens give practical advice colourfully on what to do before, during, and after an earthquake to prevent property damage and injury.

## Flash Floods

- <http://www.srh.noaa.gov>  
This site provides background information on the floods and flash floods including occurrence, fact sheets, emergency information and preparedness, and tips on recovering from flood.

## Hurricane

- <http://www.clark.net/pub/cosmic/93th.html>  
This site is useful for people who want to get information fast about hurricanes. Statistics are established from legitimate databases (National Hurricane Centre, USA Today, Purdue University), giving this information credibility.
- <http://www.miamisci.org/hurricane/hurricane0.html>  
This site is the official site of the National Hurricane Service. It is endorsed by the Miami Museum of Science for educational purposes.

- <http://www.taponline.com/tap/life/newz/weather/hurricane1.html>  
The site was developed by the College Community Network. This site provides information about protection when there is a hurricane watch or warning.

## Lightning

- <http://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/weather/weather.html>  
This site digs into an overview of the phenomenon of lightning.
- <http://www.uic.edu/~macooper/cindex.htm>  
This site consists of lightning facts and figures.
- <http://www.lightningsafety.com>  
This is a comprehensive lightning safety site with information on protecting people and buildings.

## Storm Surge

- <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/tg/usurge/usurge.htm>  
This site consists of relevant maps, news, forecast of storm surge in USA.

## Thunderstorms

- <http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/ocda/thunder.htm>  
This site helps to learn about the science behind thunderstorms and lightning.

## Tornado

- <http://www.fema.gov/library/tornadof.htm>  
This site provides a scale that indicates the damage done by tornadoes.
- <http://www.disastercenter.com/tornado.htm>  
This website is a source of safety information, statistics, chat, and products for preparedness and recovery. ■

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<http://www.glynncounty.org/glynncounty.org/departments/ema/natural.htm>