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Soggy storm leaves six dead in South Florida

1.01 million homes still without power; most of Palm Beach County back by today

Katrina intensifying, may hit Panhandle as Category 4

## Broward, Dade drenched and dark



ERIC BAUM/Miami-Dade Fire Rescue photo

Houses in Miami-Dade County sit like islands amid the flooding Friday after Hurricane Katrina passed through. From 11 to 15 inches of rain fell in areas that were devastated by Hurricane Andrew 13 years earlier.

### 1 million still have no power; FPL scrambles

By KRISTI E. SWARTZ  
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

If you live in Palm Beach County and you don't have power, it should be back on by the end of the day.

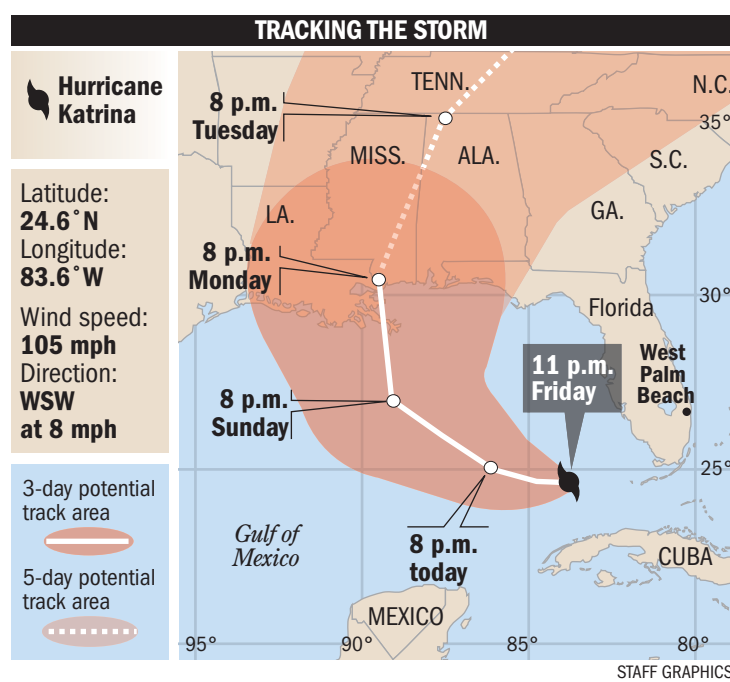
If you live in Broward and Miami-Dade counties, it could be on by late Tuesday night.

"We've made a lot of progress," said Geisha Williams, vice president of distribution for Florida Power & Light Co., speaking during a news conference late Friday afternoon.

Hurricane Katrina, which came ashore on the Broward-Miami-Dade county line Thursday evening carrying winds of 80 mph, knocked out power to 1.4 million homes and businesses in 15 counties belonging to FPL's 35-county territory. Hardest hit were Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties.

As of 8 p.m. Friday, 587,000 homes and businesses in Miami-Dade were still without power.

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Extra day in gulf gives Katrina time to strengthen. Story, 15A

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**Katrina's cost**  
Insurers put damage estimate as high as \$2 billion. **Business, 1F**

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Fuel scarce after Port Everglades power failure. **Business, 1F**

### Andrew-torn areas awash after Katrina

Insured damage estimates reach up to \$2 billion from sixth Florida storm in a year.

By TIM O'MEILIA  
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

South Florida awoke Friday to find Hurricane Katrina's soggy footprints all over Miami-Dade and Broward counties — flooded homes, silted roads, a collapsed highway overpass and 1.2 million homes and businesses in the dark.

Tagged as an 80 mph, minimal Category 1 hurricane, Katrina nevertheless left six people dead and an estimated \$1 billion to \$2 billion in insured damage, according to a catastrophe management firm.

"If there can be any good that comes out of Katrina, maybe we can get rid of the phrase 'minimal

hurricane,'" state meteorologist Ben Nelson said.

Katrina was the sixth hurricane to strike Florida in a little more than a year.

Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast largely escaped the storm, except for squally overnight weather, a few downed trees and 97,600 customers without power, mostly in south Palm Beach County.

Katrina surprised residents and forecasters by jogging southwest after coming ashore at the Miami-Dade/Broward county line about 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The storm visited some of the same south Miami-Dade neighborhoods — Cutler Ridge, Homestead and Country Walk — devastated by 155 mph Hurricane Andrew 13 years and one day earlier.

But instead of wind-blown destruction, Katrina rained: 13 inches at Homestead Air Reserve Base and 11 and 15 inches in surrounding areas.

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