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# After Wreaking Havoc on Florida, Irma Downgraded to Tropical Storm

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As Tropical Storm Irma pushes up to the [Tampa Bay area and toward the other Southeastern States](#), it leaves much destruction in its wake, affecting millions of Floridians with loss of power, property damage, and heavy flooding. Though downgraded to a tropical storm, Irma still boasts winds with speeds up to 100mph as it moves toward Tennessee. Residents in parts of Georgia and Alabama are making emergency preparations to brace for Irma's arrival, and Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport [reports flight cancellations in the hundreds](#)—regional utilities supplier Georgia Power has received power outage complaints in the hundreds of thousands.

Due to safety concerns, both KWE Miami and KWE Atlanta have closed their offices for the day, and will evaluate the situation before reopening for normal operations. Intense flooding, power, and communications outages have left many KWE employees, like their neighbors, unable to leave their homes. Last weekend, the [Coast Guard shut down three of Florida's ports](#), and have not yet updated on when the ports will re-open.

Hurricane Jose, which formed shortly after Irma, has been downgraded to a Category 3 storm.



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