

Hurricane Irene hit southeastern Florida on Friday night, causing damage and destruction everywhere. Hundreds of people lost their homes or offices because of high winds and heavy rains. The hurricane caused severe flooding. Local officials called Irene the worst storm of the hurricane season for the area. The winds knocked down trees and power lines, broke hotel windows, and damaged roofs. The wind also was to blame for ten serious injuries and several car accidents. Some of the worst flooding was in Miami, where police sometimes needed boats to get through up to 4 feet of standing water. The storm dumped 18 inches of rain on the area.