

## **storm surge** <sup>[1]</sup>

### **Type of Speech:**

noun <sup>[2]</sup>

### **Definition:**

water that is pushed toward the shore by the force of the winds swirling around a storm. This advancing surge combines with the normal tides to create the *hurricane storm tide*, which can increase the mean water level 15 feet or more. In addition, wind waves are superimposed on the storm tide. This rise in water level can cause severe flooding in coastal areas, particularly when the storm tide coincides with the normal high tides.

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