

Re: OT: The storm that came from hell! (vickie here)

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Seems like they called it "back" something, but I cannot swear to it. The trees were not pointed in the same direction that fell though. The roofs that came off left the houses open to the elements. The winds were clocked at 70mph for the most part. I do know this, I have gone a lifetime without meeting up with a storm like this and I really don't want to meet up with another in this lifetime. We are all safe, but it is amazing how we take cover when we "know" that danger is out there. I had the island in the kitchen that I was by on the floor though could have gone in the half bath, but felt safer with no glass nearby. The lady next door (she lost a portion of her roof), took herself, her 2 dogs, cat, and 2 sons in the half bath and they stayed the whole lengthy time.

My niece had a tree fall on her house in the hurricane and she came home on Wednesday evening from Las Vegas with another one on her house.

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- >*Straight line winds? Yeah, they usually do about the same damage without the*
- >*twisting of the trees. Tornadoes actually twist trees, causing them to break*
- >*apart.*
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- >*My daughter was with her then-boyfriend when a straight line wind or tornado*
- >*hit the area they were in. A huge oak came crashing through the roof close*
- >*enough she could just reach out her hand where she was sitting and touch the*
- >*leaves. NWS determined that it was NOT a tornado. My understanding is that*
- >*all the trees were downed in the same direction, thereby showing it was not a*
- >*tornado.*
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- >*We had much that same type of damage on some property after Hurricane Opal.*
- >*Lots of trees downed, none twisted and all pointing in the same direction.*
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- >*Carol*
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- >*What can one expect of a day that begins with getting out of bed.*
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