

Hurricane 101

BEFORE THE STORM

- Ensure disaster supply kit is stocked
- Fuel vehicle
- Have cash on hand in case power goes out and ATMs/credit cards don't function properly
- Inform family and friends of plan, especially if sheltering in a different location than residence
- Protect valuable documents
- Plan for your pets – animals will also need 72 hours worth of food and water (animals are not permitted in UF shelters)
- Remove or secure outside items such as potted plants, grills and lawn furniture
- Complete preparation actions before tropical storm force winds (40 mph) begin

DURING THE STORM

- Stay indoors and do not travel during the storm
- If winds become strong, stay away from doors and windows - take refuge in an interior room, closet or hallway
- Do NOT use candles which can increase fire risk
- Understand emergency services might not be able to respond during storm

AFTER THE STORM

- Document any damage with a camera
- Take reasonable actions to protect your property from further damage
- Check on your neighbors
- Avoid downed power lines and flooded areas
- Expect delays and inconveniences
- Even campus may be damaged, so please use care when traveling around and avoid hazards

UF's campus is located only 70 miles from either coast and can be impacted by hurricanes. Hurricane season lasts from June 1st through November 30th, with the busiest part of the season normally occurring from August to October. The University has an experienced framework to respond to storms; however, an extremely important part of the process is for you as an individual to also be ready and prepared.

Keep this guide with your emergency supplies

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Disaster Supply Kit:

Maintain a minimum of 3 days
(72 hours) worth of basic supplies.

WATER – minimum guidance is 3 gallons per day per person, ½ for drinking and ½ for sanitation.

Tip: Before the storm, fill large containers (such as clean soda bottles) with water for drinking and cooking, and fill bathtub for cleaning and flushing.

FOOD – store food that does not require refrigeration or preparation such as canned goods or shelf-stable meals.

BATTERY-POWERED RADIO – important to monitor local media and can be used without electricity.

FLASHLIGHT (with extra batteries)

FIRST-AID KIT – check supply of non-prescription pain relievers, band-aids, antibacterial ointment, insect repellent, sunscreen and other items.

SPECIAL NEEDS ITEMS – prescription medications, infant formula or other specific needs you or your family may have.

TOILETRIES – hygiene items.

Important Numbers

UF Rumor Control
866-UF FACTS (866-833-2287)

UF Police Department
352-392-1111

UF Housing & Residence Education
352-392-2161

Alachua County Rumor Control
311

Alachua County Division of Emergency Management
352-264-6500

Gainesville Regional Utilities, Customer Service
352-334-3434

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www.ehs.ufl.edu/disasterplan

University Housing Residents

Observe guidance and instructions from Housing staff including your Resident Assistant, Hall Director, Residence Director, Residence Life Coordinator and Graduate and Family Housing (GFH) staff.



Residents will be alerted by residence hall or Graduate and Family Housing staff to make preparations. Specific actions to take in preparing your residence are listed in the hurricane plan on the Housing website - www.housing.ufl.edu. Familiarize yourself with this plan before a hurricane.

If there is a need to vacate a Graduate and Family Housing area, staff will direct residents to an alternate site for safety. Students in residence halls will normally shelter within their own building.

Whenever possible food service facilities will be open within the residence areas. Housing units not having food service facilities will be provided food if the emergency period extends beyond 24 hours. Residents are encouraged to have their own non-perishable food on hand for the first 72 hours of the emergency.

Report all accidents, injuries, broken windows or excessive water to the Resident Assistant, Graduate Hall Director, Residence Director, Residence Life Coordinator or Community Assistant.

Residents are encouraged to purchase renters insurance since UF is not responsible for your personal belongings.

Review and follow storm guidance in **Hurricane 101** section.

Off-Campus Residents

As a member of the community you should observe guidance and instructions such as curfews or boil water notices issued by local officials.

If you are living in a rental property, consider purchasing renters insurance to protect your personal property.

Review and follow storm guidance in **Hurricane 101** section.

Store appropriate supplies and prepare your residence to weather the storm.

Use care and comply with manufacture's instructions when operating generators and chainsaws. These two items are often the cause of post-storm injuries and deaths.



Shelter Information

Shelters will normally be available on campus for UF students, staff, faculty and their families. Your decision on going to a shelter should be based on the construction and location of your home. Those in mobile homes or areas that flood frequently should seek safer areas during the storm. In addition to use of UF shelters, one should consider staying with family or friends with more substantial homes.

Shelter Supplies

If staying at a shelter, these suggested items can make your stay more comfortable:

- **Bedding** (blankets and pillow). Also consider bringing an air mattress since there are only a limited number of cots available.
- **Reading material**, MP3 player with ear phones, board games, cards or other items to help pass the time.
- **Laptop**. There are limited electrical outlets so charge battery beforehand. If your computer has the capability, consider bringing DVDs for personal viewing.
- **Flashlight** with extra batteries.
- Any **medications** that you need.
- **Identification**, including your Gator1 card.
- **Cell phone** with charger to inform family and friends of your location.
- If you have any **special dietary needs**, inform the Shelter Manager when you check-in.
- Be prepared to stay for multiple days.

Watch and Listen to Local Media

- Frequently monitor local media for storm updates and information from local officials.
- In addition to sources such as the UF homepage, email and emergency text messaging, University officials will provide information on the status of UF's schedule and other important updates to the local media.

