

Hurricane Survival Guide for International Students

Pre-storm planning

1. Review USF Hurricane Guide - <http://www.usf.edu/administrative-services/emergency-management/documents/hurricane-guide.pdf>
2. Register for MoBull Messenger at <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/mobullplus/>
3. Make sure you are on the USF OIS listserv or Facebook page
4. Create emergency plan.
 - a. Do you need to evacuate? <http://www.usf.edu/administrative-services/emergency-management/hazards/hurricane.aspx> .
 - b. If no, determine the safest spot to sit during the storm. It should be an inside walled area with NO windows such as an inside bathroom, underneath stairs or inside a hallway.
5. Gather important documents such as passport, visa, I-20/DS-2019, I-94, EAD card, insurance info, prescriptions, etc., and **store in a waterproof bag/container**. (Make copies of everything and store separately.)
6. Create your Hurricane Kit.
 - a. Use plastic storage boxes with secure lids as emergency boxes.
 - b. Plan on enough emergency supplies for 72 hours.
 - c. Save and clean a variety of two-liter bottles, to fill with water.

Sample Shopping List for Hurricane Kit

- Non-perishable items:
 - canned meat, soups, milk, fish, fruits, and vegetables
 - bread in moisture proof packaging/ crackers
 - cookies, candy, dried fruit, and peanut butter
 - cereal/ oatmeal/multigrain bars
 - instant coffee and tea
- Hand operated can opener
- Flashlights
- Battery powered radio or TV
- Extra batteries
- Ice chest and ice
- First aid kit including: aspirin, antibiotic cream, and band-aids
- Sun Screen
- Mosquito repellent
- Unscented bleach or water purification tablets
- Toilet paper
- Disposable eating utensils, plates, cups, and napkins
- Trash bags
- Disposable camera- to take pictures of damage.
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer
- Duct tape
- Car cell phone charger
- Small Grill
- Non-electronic games or books

Storm Approaching

1. See USF website or call the USF Information Hotline 1-800-992-4231.
 - a. USF Housing will contact students living on-campus.
 - b. International Services will post updates on our listserv and Facebook page.
2. If living off-campus, bring items inside if not attached - plants, furniture, bicycles etc.
3. Make or buy ice, then store in a cooler or ice chest.
4. Check supplies in Hurricane Kit.
5. Make sure you have enough cash (ATMs will not work without electricity).
6. Get medications refilled- have a 30-day supply.
7. Charge all cell phone batteries.
8. Keep car filled with gas, check oil, tires, etc.
9. Wash all your clothes.
10. Cook all food that could potentially spoil.

Storm Confirmed and You Are Not Required to Evacuate

1. Shut windows.
2. Pack clothing in case evacuation is necessary.
3. Fill bathtub, large pots, and other containers with water.
4. Turn freezer to colder setting/ fill with bags of ice and 2 liter bottles of water
5. Put textbooks, picture albums, and other special memorabilia in plastic bags
6. Gather pillows and blankets, emergency kit, food, and water in your safe spot.
7. Unplug electrical items such as a computer and TV.
8. Gather a group of friends and stay together.

During the Storm

1. Stay calm and remain in your safe spot.
2. Continue to watch the news/listen to radio for updates.
3. Avoid using cell phone as much as possible.
4. Do not use electrical appliances.
5. Stay indoors.

After the Storm

1. Use caution when walking or driving outside
2. Check for damage of home/property.
 - a. If you smell gas, open windows and leave home immediately.
 - b. If you have power, check for signs of electrical damage such as sparks or frayed wires. Another sign is the smell of something burning.
 - c. If there is water in the house, try to remove as much water as possible, than make sure home is well ventilated. Clean wet clothing and furniture. Have any electrical appliance exposed to water serviced before using it.
3. Continue to watch the news or listen to the radio for updates.
4. Check USF website or emergency line for updates – 1-800-992-4231.