

HURRICANES & TROPICAL WEATHER

UF is approximately 70 miles from either coast and can be impacted by hurricanes and other tropical weather. Hurricane season lasts from June 1 through November 30. It is important to prepare ahead of any tropical weather.

WHAT TO KNOW

HAVE A PLAN

An important component of the University's emergency preparedness is you! Having students, faculty and staff who are prepared for disasters or emergencies, results in fewer impacts to the University and a quicker recovery process. The information and resources included provide a background on hazards experienced in Florida, specifically the UF campus and surrounding areas, as well as ways to prepare for and respond to those incidents. The links below contain general emergency preparedness information for individuals and families.

BUILD A KIT

A standard disaster supply kit includes a minimum of 3 days (72 hours) worth of basic supplies. A kit should be customized to your needs and situation. A list of recommended supplies to have on hand during a hurricane or tropical storm is available at <http://ufl.to/getakit>.

STAY INFORMED

The Department of Emergency Management encourages all students, staff, and faculty to download the GatorSafe app onto their phones. It is the official safety app of The University of Florida. The app features emergency contacts, safety tips, a personal safety tools kit, maps, and much more! If a hurricane or tropical storm impacts campus operations, a UF Alert will be sent out and details posted on the UF homepage.

WHAT TO DO

BEFORE THE STORM

- Ensure disaster supply kit is stocked – see checklist
- Inform family and friends of plan, especially if sheltering in a different location than residence
- Refill needed prescriptions
- Fuel vehicle/generators
- Remove or secure outside items such as potted plants, grills and lawn furniture

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 the risk of a fire
- Understand that emergency services may not be able to respond during the storm

AFTER THE STORM

- Document any damage with pictures
- 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 it to avoid hazards

GET MORE INFO

Also, be sure to visit our website at emergency.ufl.edu for more information and resources about staying safe during hurricanes and other types of emergencies.