



HURRICANE GUIDE

Official Hurricane Readiness Guide for Students

Florida A&M University

Emergency Management | University Housing

WHAT IS A HURRICANE?

Hurricanes are tropical cyclones with sustained winds of at least 74 mph, producing thunderstorms, torrential rain, and storm surges up to 20 feet.

For more information, visit the National Hurricane Center: www.nhc.noaa.gov

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

▶ TROPICAL STORM WATCH

Tropical storm conditions are possible, usually within 48 hours.

▶ TROPICAL STORM WARNING

Tropical storm conditions are expected, usually within 36 hours.

▶ TROPICAL STORM

Sustained winds of 39-73 mph.

HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours. Begin preparedness activities.

HURRICANE WARNING

Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete preparations and leave the area if directed by officials.

HURRICANE

Sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

CAT 1 74-95 mph	CAT 2 96-110 mph	CAT 3 111-129 mph	CAT 4 130-156 mph	CAT 5 157+ mph
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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



Preparing Your Room for Evacuation

- All valuable items should be covered with plastic and stored off the floor.
- All windows and blinds **MUST** be closed.
- All electrical appliances **MUST** be turned off and unplugged.
- Notify your Resident Assistant (RA) and Housing staff of your evacuation or sheltering plans.



Developing an Action Plan

Residence hall staff will provide updates during a hurricane. If you have questions, contact your Residence Hall staff. All residents should have an ACTION PLAN in case conditions require evacuation.

You Should Consider:

- Where you will seek shelter during an evacuation and how you will return or relocate after the storm.

Take the Following Steps:

- If possible, seek shelter with family or a friend.
- Have 3–5 days of non-perishable food and water.
- Keep a mobile flashlight and batteries.
- Ensure you have enough prescription medication and essential items.

HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT

All residents should be prepared to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours. Below is a list of recommended items to include in your hurricane supply kit.

- Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable food (3-5 day supply)
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications (7-day supply)
- Personal hygiene items
- Cash (ATMs may not be available)
- Important documents in waterproof container
- FAMU Rattler Card
- Weather radio
- Trash bags
- Small towels
- Clothing and extra pair of shoes
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Portable charger



IMPORTANT

All residents are strongly encouraged to develop a hurricane preparedness plan before hurricane season begins. A plan should include securing your home, identifying safe evacuation routes, and assembling a disaster supply kit. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that residents have a fully charged cellphone.

Residents should also make arrangements for pets, emotional support animals, and ensure family members know where to meet if separated.

During a hurricane, monitor official communications, including emergency alerts, radio broadcasts, and verified university websites.

Evacuation may be directed by university leadership. All instructions and updates will be communicated through official channels only.

Scan the QR code to access FEMA Emergency Management resources, disaster preparedness tips, and official updates.



BE INFORMED. BE PREPARED. BE SAFE.

FAMU EMERGENCY SHELTER OVERVIEW

As a hurricane approaches, on-campus residents are encouraged to leave campus and shelter at home if it is safe to do so. FAMU will provide shelter for on-campus residents who are not able to go home. However, students will not be allowed to stay in their rooms during the storm.

SHELTER GUIDELINES & RULES

- Follow all directions from university staff and FAMU Police.
- Only FAMU residents and approved staff may enter the shelter. No guests or pets allowed.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, and prohibited items are not permitted in the shelter.
- All University policies remain in effect.
- For safety, residents must remain inside the shelter. Anyone who leaves will not be allowed to re-enter.
- Periodic headcounts will occur; residents must participate and follow staff instructions.
- Carry your FAMU Identification at all times.
- Courtesy hours are in effect 24/7; maintain respectful noise levels.
- Stay in designated sleeping, meal, and activity areas at all times.
- Use stairwells for moving between floors; elevators are reserved for students with special needs.
- Once rooms are evacuated, residents may not return until staff gives clearance.
- Only bring hurricane-kit essentials; leave all other belongings in your room.
- Keep the shelter clean and dispose of trash properly.
- The University is not responsible for personal items; keep track of your belongings.
- Seek staff assistance if you or others need help.
- Be cooperative, respectful, and mindful of the community's needs.



FOR FAMU HURRICANE UPDATES



FAMU ALERT

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Emergency Management Email

RattlerEOC@FAMU.EDU



Emergency Management Website

www.famu.edu/em



Official University Email

Check your FAMU email regularly for updates.



Social Media Channels

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