What should I know about hurricanes?

- Hurricane season starts June 1 and ends November 30th.
- When a hurricane warning is issued by the National Weather Service, the President or designee may authorize the University to close.
- Official closings will be announced by the University to local newspapers, radio and television stations, the FAU Webmaster and the hotline that serves all campuses.

What do I do to prepare for a hurricane?

- Follow your Unit Emergency Response Plan.
- Monitor FAU information, news and weather reports.
- If you are designated as an Essential Person, understand your role and responsibilities.
- Review FAU and personal plans to minimize potential damage in case of a strike.
- Home emergency planning is vital. Make a plan!

Stay Informed, Get the Facts

Official announcements regarding hurricanes and other emergencies are issued by University Communications prior, during, and after an event.

Alert Now - Alert Now is a web-enabled tool for delivering voice calls, text messages and e-mails to parents of students within the PK-12 Schools and Educational Program system

Blackboard Connect - A web based interface to automated notification system with multiple and selectable modes of contact used to notify the entire University Community and key external groups or subgroups thereof; includes Mass E-mail, Telephone Call Out, Voicemail, Text, RSS Feed (MyFAU, Home Page, College Home Pages, other FAU pages), and Social Media (Facebook and Twitter).

Indoor Mass Notification – Uses acoustic devices tied into fire alarm system to provide audible tone and voice warnings. It is operated by the University Police and it reaches anyone in the buildings equipped with such system.

Outdoor Warning Sirens - Directional acoustic devices designed for longer range audible warnings on campus grounds. Includes tone and voice warnings and live PA capability.

Media Advisory - An alert written to inform the media about an event or an announcement.

Web Pages - The Emergency Information Page contains action guides, resources, and general emergency information. The link can be found at the bottom of the FAU Homepage under Quick Links.

After the Storm

Call In. All employees should contact their supervisors as soon as possible after a hurricane to inform them of the status of their family and homes. Students, faculty, or staff who are forced to evacuate or temporarily relocate to another area can notify the University of their new location and contact information by going on the internet website: www.fau.edu. Supervisors will be responsible for reporting on the safety of each staff member. For essential University information, call the FAU Hotline at 888.8FAUOWL (888-832-8695) or 800-227-0354. Listen to Media Reports. Follow all instructions given by the local authorities via radio and/or television. Do not attempt to return to the campus until the “all clear” is given by local authorities. This does not apply to essential departments that have designated employees to be available prior to, during, and following a hurricane.

University Resources

For all EMERGENCY CALLS regardless of campus, dial 9-1-1
Public Safety

Boca  (561) 297-3500
Jupiter  (561) 799-8700
HBOI  (772) 216-1124
Davie  (954) 236-1140
Sea Tec  (954) 924-7000
Downtown Ft. Lauderdale:
  •  (954) 201-7866  Bldg 31
  •  (954) 201-7949  Bldg 31
  •  (954) 201-7636  Bldg 33

Department of Emergency Management
http://www.fau.edu/emergency/unitplans.php

Environmental Health and Safety Website  -  http://www.fau.edu/facilities/ehs/
Student Health Services Website  -  http://www.fau.edu/shs
Work Control Website  -  http://www.fau.edu/facilities/bg/WorkControl/
Computer / OIT Help Desk Website  -  https://helpdesk.fau.edu
Counseling and Psychological Services Website  -  http://www.fau.edu/counseling/cs.php
Office for Students with Disabilities Website  -  http://osd.fau.edu/

 Hurricane Resources

NOAA: National Hurricane Center/Tropical Prediction Center
The Weather Channel: Hurricane Central
Hurricane & Storm Tracking for the Atlantic & Pacific Ocean
Storm Center from Florida Power & Light
Sun-Sentinel: Hurricane Headquarters

 Hurricane Evacuation Zones & Shelter Information

Please do a Web search for the following titles:
Broward County Evacuation Map & Shelter List
Palm Beach County Hurricane Evacuation Zones
Palm Beach County Hurricane Shelter Locations
Shelters, Hotels and Motels which Accept Pets in Emergencies and Disasters

Palm Beach County Red Cross Shelter
Phone: 561-833-7711 - Website: www.redcross.org/fl/palm-beach - Twitter: @PBTCRedCross
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pbtcredcross

Do not report to a Red Cross shelter until it is officially opened. The University and all local media will announce shelter openings. Pets, firearms, alcoholic beverages, and other illegal substances are not allowed in many Red Cross shelters. Be advised: Shelters will be crowded and uncomfortable with no privacy. Residents who need to go to local shelters are encouraged by the Red Cross to bring the following items:

Bedding including pillows, blankets
Folding beach chair (to use as a bed)
Prescription medications
Single servings of food (granola/cereal bars)
Extra set of clothing, toiletries
Canned foods & manual can opener
Flashlight/batteries
Books, games
First aid kit
Drinking water
Cash, traveler’s checks
24-hour supply of non-perishable food
Valuable documents
Photo Identification (driver’s license, Owl’s card, etc.)

Be sure to pack lightly! You will have to carry all items you bring. In addition, security of your items is up to you! Remember, hurricane shelters should be utilized as a LAST RESORT. Residents are encouraged to stay with family or friends when possible.