

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

## FAMILY EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT CHECKLIST

- Battery-Operated Radio
- Flashlights/lanterns
- Extra Batteries
- Bedding: Sleeping bags, pillow, blankets, etc.
- Water: Three gallons per person
- Food: At least three days' worth of non-perishable items (cereal, canned food, peanut butter, etc.)
- First Aid Kit: include prescriptions as well as non-prescription medication
- Tools: Non-electric can opener, cooking utensils, scissors, etc.
- Sanitation Items: toilet paper, bleach, plastic bags, etc.
- Clothing
- Hygiene Items: deodorant, feminine supplies, soap, etc.
- Baby Supplies: formula, diapers, bottles, etc.
- Pet Supplies: food, carrier, identification collar, leash, vaccination certificates, etc.
- Entertainment: books, cards, games, etc.
- Clean-Up Items: garbage bags, disinfectant sprays, etc.

## PRE-HURRICANE PREPARATION

- Find the location of your nearest shelter.
- Map out your best evacuation routes.
- Contact a friend or relative and designate them as an emergency contact in the event of an evacuation or separation.
- Determine flood insurance eligibility. Most homeowners' policies do not cover damage caused by floods and high winds.
- Take photos with a digital camera or disposable



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## HURRICANES & TROPICAL WEATHER

Each year, hurricane season lasts from June 1st to November 30th. Dangers from these storms include high winds, heavy rain, tornadoes, flooding, and power outages. Depending on a storm's severity, the City of New Orleans might issue a mandatory evacuation order. If the City issues a mandatory evacuation, all SUNO student, faculty & staff, housing residents and visitors must leave. If an evacuation is not ordered, the university will decide to evacuate or shelter in place.

Tropical weather begins with a low-pressure area of circulating winds over water. A system can develop into a:

- Tropical depression: winds of 38 miles per hour (mph) or less
- Tropical storm: winds between 39 and 73 mph
- Hurricane: winds of 74 mph or more. Hurricanes are given a category—1 through 5—based on wind speed. The higher the winds, the higher the category.

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

### *Be Prepared This Hurricane Season*

#### Banking Preparation Checklist

- Have your checking and saving accounts linked to a debit card. Doing so will give you access to your money from any ATM and it's safer than carrying cash. Keep your ATM card in a safe location and commit your PIN to memory.
- Set up online banking including online bill pay, e-mail alerts and access to your account 24/7 from anywhere.

- Take out a personal line of credit in the event of any unexpected expenses.
- Make copies of all information financial documents, put them together in a packet, and keep them in a safe place.

## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

- Government-issued identification for all family members (Driver's license, passport, etc.)
- Social Security card
- Proof of residence
- Insurance policies
- A minimum of two years for tax records including a copy of your last two pay stubs.
- Birth and marriage certificates
- Property deeds
- Wills
- Debit/credit cards
- Checks
- ATM location map
- Cash
- Most recent banking statements for each account

## IN THE EVENT A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

### *No Evacuation Ordered*

- Gather your Family Emergency Supplies Kit and Important Documents Packet.
- Report your plans to your emergency contact.
- Withdraw several hundred dollars worth of cash.
- Fill up your car's gas tank.
- Keep a battery-powered radio handy.

### *Outside Preparations*

- Protect all windows with shutters or plywood.
- Anchor objects that may be moved during high winds. Such items could become dangerous projectiles in the event they are left unsecured.

### *Inside Preparations*

- Fill disposable containers with water and place them in the refrigerator.
- Clean bathtubs with bleach and fill with water for bathing and flushing toilets. Do not drink water from the bathtub.
- Place valuables in waterproof containers and store them at the highest level of your home.

### *In the Event of an Ordered Evacuation*

- Do not disregard an evacuation order!
- Shut off water, electricity, and gas.
- Pack your Family Emergency Supplies Kit and Important Documents Packet.
- Keep emergency contact aware of your plans.
- Lock all windows and doors of your home upon evacuating.
- Follow your pre-determined evacuation routes.
- Bring all pets. When Relocating to an Evacuation Shelter Bring
- Prescription/Medication
- Emergency Family Supplies Kit

## STAY INFORMED!!!

Sign up for emergency notifications through the SUNO Emergency Text Alert System