

Hurricane Preparations

If you are sheltering on campus during the hurricane bring ONLY the following items listed below. You will only be allowed to bring one suitcase, one backpack, sleeping materials, pet crate and food for 3 days at the shelter.

List:

Important papers: passport, visa, insurance cards and credit cards, pet documents. All documents/valuables you would need if an evacuation off island is necessary. Store papers in a zip lock bag.

Personal and pet medication for 72 hours. Store in a zip lock bag.

Pillow, blanket and/or sleeping bag, air mattress (twin size only).

Rain gear including closed toed shoes or boots

A change of clothing for 3 days

Non-perishable food and water for 3 days.

Personal hygiene toiletries including soap and bath towel and baby wipes.

Flashlight (no candles)

Fully charged and topped off phone with charger

Non electronic entertainment such as cards and books. Laptops are allowed but may not be usable during the storm and/or afterward.

NO ALCOHOL

A carrier for your pet, pet food, and pet clean-up supplies

Make sure your car is filled up with gas and your home/apartment is secured before you arrive.

Once on campus do not go outside until you have been advised it is safe to do so by Ross Security. Stay away from windows and doors during the storm.

Do not leave shelter until Ross Security has given the all clear and you have checked out with the Shelter Manager

After the storm, do not drive until advised it is safe. Then, do not drive through flooded areas.

If you will shelter in place at your home/apartment/campus housing during the hurricane:

Do not shelter alone!

Secure all outside items indoors

Close storm shutters and windows

Fill bathtub full with water for flushing toilets.

If your freezer is not full, freeze containers of purified water and pack in freezer.

Stock up on nonperishable food and plenty of water. Items should be foods ready to eat without heating or refrigeration required and enough for 3 days

Fill cars with gas and park as high above ground as available and away from trees

Top off phone and keep fully charged while electricity is available.

Assure flashlights and lanterns have fresh batteries and do not use candles

Have a battery operated radio available to monitor local radio news announcements.

Pack a bag with a change of clothing, toiletries and documents: passport, visa, insurance cards, and credit cards. Store papers in a zip lock bag.

Monitor phone and email for Siren alerts and updates as long as possible.

DO NOT GO OUTSIDE DURING STORM. Monitor storm advisories and stay inside until advised that it is safe to leave your home. The eye of the storm gives a perception that the storm has passed but it has not and will begin again. When it is safe to leave, do not walk through flooded waters. They contain bacteria and may have live wires down in flooded areas.

DO NOT USE ALCOHOL. With any emergency you need to be clear headed and able to maintain your safety at all times.

Stay away from windows and doors during the storm. Stay on a floor that has a cement ceiling overhead if possible.

If your home/apartment floods, seek higher floors and notify Ross Security. Do not attempt to leave unless advised to do so.

After the storm, do not drive until safe to do so. Then, do not drive through flooded areas.