

YOUR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

The Atlantic Hurricane Season officially begins June 1 and runs through November 30.

AS THE SEASON BEGINS, RUSVM ENCOURAGES YOU TO BEGIN YOUR HURRICANE PREPARATIONS NOW. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL A STORM IS APPROACHING ST. KITTS.

BEFORE THE STORM

PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

Begin creating a hurricane kit of supplies that will be useful during a storm:

- Non-perishable food (*enough to last at least 5 days*)
- Water (*enough to last at least 5 days*). Also, fill bathtub and large containers with water for washing and flushing only.
- First-aid kit (*include any prescription medication(s) you may need*)
- Personal hygiene items and sanitation items
- Flashlights (*have extra batteries on hand*)
- Battery operated radio (*again, have extra batteries*)
- Waterproof container with cash and important documents
- Lighter or matches
- Special needs items such as pet supplies and baby supplies, if applicable

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Gas: Make sure your car tank is full far in advance of an approaching storm.
- Cell Phones: Charge your cell phone and limit use after power is out. Top up your phone with funds too!
- Take photos of important documents (*i.e. passport, visa, driver's license, Ross ID*) and store in your phone.
- Look for information via email and the SIREN notification system.



DON'T FORGET
to include pet care in your hurricane preparedness plan!

Pet owners must consider their pets when preparing for a hurricane. All owners should have in their possession and have easy access to:

- A sturdy, working crate or comparable container for their pet, appropriate for their size
- Minimum three days of food
- Food and water bowls
- Clean bedding
- Collar and leash
- Vaccination and other associated travel documentation
- Medication and any other items unique to the pet with explicit instructions

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DURING THE STORM

CAMPUS SHELTER GUIDELINES

WHAT TO BRING TO THE ON-CAMPUS SHELTER?

- Pillow, blanket and/or sleeping bag
- Rain gear including closed-toed shoes or boots
- A change of clothing for 2 days
- Personal hygiene toiletries including soap and bath towel
- Flashlight (*no candles*)
- Fully charged and topped off phone with charger
- Non-electronic items such as cards and books to read
- Personal medication
- **No Alcohol**

PETS ON CAMPUS DURING A STORM

- Aggressive dogs will not be permitted to stay on campus.
- Pets must be contained within crates when housed on campus except when crates are cleaned or when dogs are walked.
- Pets must remain in their crates between 10 pm and 6 am, and dogs will be allowed 2 walks per day. Whenever pets are outside of their crates they must be on a secure leash.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ON-CAMPUS SHELTER

- All occupants must register with the Shelter Manager upon arrival
- No weapons and other potential safety hazards
- No smoking in the shelter
- No alcohol or other recreational drugs
- No loud noises or music
- Respect the rights of other shelter occupants
- Pets must be secured on a leash, cornered off or caged, and excreta be cleaned immediately
- Address all questions or concerns to the Shelter Manager or shelter volunteers
- Food will be distributed at assigned times only
- Shelter floors shall be kept clean of all waste materials
- Restrooms shall be kept clean at all times
- Waste containers shall be disposed of as soon as they are filled
- A daily shelter roll call will be done for all
- All persons with medical needs must inform the shelter manager
- Occupants shall not leave the shelter until it is advised to do so by RUSVM Security
- Occupants need to "Check out" with Shelter Manager when advised it is safe to do so and inform Manager of a future location

AFTER THE STORM

- Follow the instructions from local authorities and campus leadership via email, radio, or text message.
- After a storm, the Hurricane Committee will assess campus to determine if there are spaces available that can be safely used to accommodate pets. The welfare and husbandry of these animals will remain the responsibility of the owners themselves.



RESOURCES

As you are doing your storm tracking this season, please be aware of the glossary of terms provided by the [National Hurricane Center](#).

Continue to monitor:

- ▶ [Intellicast Atlantic Analysis](#)
- ▶ [Weather Underground](#)
- ▶ [One Caribbean Weather](#)
- ▶ [Keep Emergency Information Current in SIREN](#)