

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

As we begin the semester during the peak of hurricane season (June 1 to November 30), it's important to make sure we are prepared for any potential weather emergencies. In the event of a hurricane, Nova Southeastern University (NSU) and the Office of University Housing will closely monitor the storm and the effects it may have on the South Florida area.

The safety of our residents is always our first priority. Here's what you need to know from NSU about hurricane preparedness and how we'll keep you updated to ensure your safety on campus.

HURRICANE AND TROPICAL STORM PROCEDURES

- Should severe weather, tropical storms, or future hurricanes pose a threat to NSU's Fort Lauderdale or regional campuses, the university will provide updates on NSU's operating status via our website at www.nova.edu/emergency and on the NSU **Emergency Hotline at (800) 256-5065**. It is a good idea to save the hotline number in your phone for easy access. Updates are posted frequently on the hotline and website. Please also check your NSU email for information regarding sheltering within the residence halls or a mandatory evacuation to a shelter if necessary. Upon announcement by the U.S. Weather Bureau that a hurricane or tropical storm warning status has been declared, University Housing will be notified and will relay weather information to the department staff and residents.

▶ If residents are leaving the residence halls prior to a storm, each resident must fill out a **Housing Hurricane Release Form** that can be found in the NSU Housing Portal. Students in residence halls will **NOT** be required to evacuate if the storm is **Category 2** or below. Those choosing to stay must remain in designated areas until released by the Director of University Housing. Please be advised that various university services, such as the gym, dining facilities, and other amenities, may be temporarily closed leading up to and during a storm.

- We strongly encourage students to download the *SaferWatch* app for real-time campus alerts and updates. The app also allows you to report crimes, threats, and suspicious activity to local law enforcement and campus safety personnel. Download *SaferWatch* at <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/nsu/>.
- Lastly, please update your **Personal Emergency Contact Information**. To register or update your information, visit www.nova.edu/emergency/notification/registration-process.html. Your NSU "N" Number is your identification code. When inputting phone numbers, do so without dashes (e.g., 9542625398). The system allows you to add multiple phones, texts, and email addresses.

Student safety is our top priority.

Rest assured that NSU is prepared to communicate and respond effectively during any potential weather emergencies.

RECOMMENDED HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT

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| ▪ Water (1 gal/day for 3-5 days) | ▪ First aid kit | ▪ Cash |
| ▪ Non-perishable food (3-5 days) | ▪ Toiletries | ▪ Keys |
| ▪ Blankets/pillows | ▪ Flashlight | ▪ Important documents |
| ▪ Clothing | ▪ Batteries | ▪ Filled vehicle fuel tanks |

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDELINES FOR NSU STUDENTS

In emergencies, preparation is key. Evaluate the situation calmly and confidently. Students must adhere to the outlined procedures below and any additional instructions from University Housing or Residence Life staff. Evacuated residents will NOT be allowed to return to the halls during the storm. If a resident chooses to stay off-campus during the storm, you will NOT be able to return to your room until University Housing reopens the residence halls.

This is for your safety and protection.

PREPARATION BEFORE THE TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE STRIKES

- All furniture including beds should be pulled away from the windows.
- Since the floors can get wet, all articles such as shoes, rugs, clothes, bags, suitcases, etc., should be placed on closet shelves or in dresser drawers.
- All loose objects should be placed in drawers or closets. Paper, books, etc., should not be left on tops of desks or dressers.
- Valuables should be secured. The closets and drawers should be closed and remain closed throughout the hurricane. All doors should be locked when the occupants are not in the room or apartment.
- Fill several small containers with water for drinking purposes (one gallon daily for two to three days); store them in your refrigerator, if possible.
- All windows must be closed tightly. Blinds should be down and closed. DO NOT put tape on windows.
- Each student should provide her/his own flashlight in case of power failure. DO NOT use candles under any circumstances; fire is uncontrollable during a hurricane.
- Residents should provide themselves with an adequate supply of non-perishable foods to last two to three days. Please see the NSU Hurricane preparedness list that is available in the housing portal.
- If you vacate your residence prior to the storm, we ask that you inform University Housing and/or Residence Life staff where you can be located. You must fill out the mandatory Housing Hurricane Release form which can be found in the NSU Housing Portal.
- All automobiles must remain in the assigned parking areas. We recommend parking on level 2 or higher of the residential parking garage. Please ensure that all vehicle windows are closed and all vehicle doors are locked.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—AFTER THE HURRICANE

- Damage to personal property found after the storm is NOT the responsibility of Nova Southeastern University or University Housing.
- Damage to personal property must be taken care of on an individual basis so make sure to have renter's insurance in case of emergencies.
- Damage to NSU Property will be taken care of by the university in a timely manner after the storm.
- If residents need to be relocated due to damage to their room, University Housing will work with each student to find a temporary location on-campus until the room is cleared by university administration.