



Pre- Season Preparations April & May

The following purchases and preparations are geared at preparing all Off Campus Housing residents Students/Faculty/Staff for a hurricane season:

- ❑ Battery-powered radio along with the appropriate batteries
- ❑ Adequate number of candles along with matches
- ❑ Hurricane lamp along with propane/kerosene refills(not allowed on Campus Living residence premises)
- ❑ Flash light along with the appropriate batteries
- ❑ Non-perishable food to last 14 days
- ❑ Drinking water (3 to 5 day supply)
- ❑ Pet food
- ❑ First aid kit
- ❑ Extra toiletries
- ❑ Insect repellent
- ❑ Sleeping bag & pillows
- ❑ Rubber boots and gloves
- ❑ Storage containers
- ❑ Zip lock and plastic trash bags
- ❑ Extra baby food, disposables, and supplies
- ❑ Keep an extra supply of disinfectant on hand

All of the above should be stored in safe keeping - separate and apart from the items used for daily living.

Other

- ❑ Check your car batteries and car tires including spare for road readiness. Buy can air for temporary tire repair
- ❑ Speak with landlord to discuss their preparatory steps to secure the property in the event of a hurricane



Pre-Hurricane Preparations – 72 Hours

After hearing broadcasted news of an approaching hurricane:

- ❑ Stay tuned to your local radio ZIZ 555am & VON 895am /television station for hurricane updates. RUSVM monitors storm activities and is committed to notifying the Ross community of an approaching storm
- ❑ Ensure that all of the Pre Season Preparations are in place and have been carried out
- ❑ Inform family members of intended location before the storm. Find a friend to partner with for the storm
- ❑ Discuss with landlord/agent to have appliances elevated in the event of a flood
- ❑ Have the landlord/agent cut down branches or trees that may be a threat to the apartment/house
- ❑ Gather prescription and over-the-counter medication & place in Zip lock sealed plastic bags and keep close at hand
- ❑ Fill containers or buckets, sinks, tubs, & washing machines with water
- ❑ Keep basic cooking & eating utensils close to food supply
- ❑ Pack a supply of basic clothing (including long sleeve shirts and pants) in a plastic bag to keep dry
- ❑ Ensure that the cellular phone is fully charged at all times
- ❑ Place passport and valuable documents in a Zip Lock sealed plastic bags and store in a drawer or safe place
- ❑ Visit the bank to have extra money on hand and keep secured
- ❑ Secure valuables and electronic equipment off the floors, away from windows/doors
- ❑ Protect valuables & electronic equipment by covering with tarpaulin/plastic and/or place in large trash/sealable bags
- ❑ Full tank of gas in vehicle

- ❑ DO NOT GO SURFING
- ❑ Check car battery and tires to ensure that they are in good condition
- ❑ Take all loose furniture and odd items that are outside to the inside of your premises
- ❑ Dispose of all trash
- ❑ Keep a list of important telephone numbers close to you in the event of an emergency
- ❑ Take pets indoors
- ❑ Ensure that pets have collars with up-to-date identification information – owner’s name and contact information
- ❑ Disconnect ALL appliances including the main electrical switch
- ❑ Close storm shutters & ensure that windows & doors are covered/protected with landlords assistance

Other

- **R**esidents who will be moving in with friends during a hurricane, should ensure that all of the above are taken care of prior to leaving. The landlord/agent and Off Campus Housing should be informed of where the student will be moving to along with providing a contact number.
- **E**nsure that a walk-through is done of the apartment and an inventory listing is signed by both parties (student and landlord/agent). This should be enclosed and kept in a safe place in the event that a hurricane strikes and items go missing
- **I**f the landlord/agent lives in an upstairs apartment the case may present itself for the landlord or agent to seek shelter in the student’s apartment below



During The Hurricane

- ❑ Stay tuned to your local radio station ZIZ 555am & VON 895am for hurricane updates. RUSVM is committed to notifying the Ross community of any storm updates
- ❑ Do not open any exterior windows or doors during a hurricane, unless it has been broadcasted that the hurricane will no longer be a threat to the island
- ❑ **DO NOT VENTURE OUTSIDE** during a hurricane or when the eye of the hurricane is passing over
- ❑ Keep matches, a cellular phone, candles in a Zip lock sealable bag and handy
- ❑ If the roof of the house/apartment is blown away, do not panic. Seek shelter in a safer part of the apartment
- ❑ Try to remain calm and alert
- ❑ Keep pets on a loose leash in the event of the need to make unplanned moves
- ❑ Stay away from windows, doors, and glass
- ❑ **HURRICANE PARTIES** are not encouraged
- ❑ Expect complete electrical, cable, and internet outage
- ❑ Expect poor water quality. **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER IN YOUR PIPE.** Boil the water or use bottled water.
- ❑ **DO NOT WASTE ANYTHING** since there will be a delay in the restoration of services
- ❑ Consume refrigerated food first

After The Hurricane

- ❑ Stay tuned to your local radio station for updates before venturing outside ZIZ 555am & VON 895am
- ❑ Make initial contact with family, landlord/agent, zone warden & sector warden to inform them of your status
- ❑ Look out for hanging and fallen debris when exiting and entering buildings
- ❑ Stay clear of hanging or fallen electrical wires wherever one ventures
- ❑ DO NOT GO SURFING after a hurricane
- ❑ Stay away from ghauts, rivers, and beaches where the water levels may still be high, contaminated, &/or dangerous to cross
- ❑ Drink boiled or bottled water
- ❑ Boil water for 10 minutes
- ❑ Use disinfectants to clean and sanitize areas
- ❑ Wear the necessary apparel when cleaning up – gloves, boots, etc.
- ❑ Keep lit candles in a safe place
- ❑ Use your telephone sparingly to keep the lines open & save on battery power
- ❑ Drain all standing water to control mosquito breeding
- ❑ Dispose of trash appropriately (in bags).
- ❑ Keep pets on a leash or crated and take them outside only when necessary
- ❑ Report any injuries to the campus nurses

KEEP SAFE and ALERT

