



Tropical Storm, Hurricane and Dangerous Weather Guide

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In the event of a hurricane, the University may close, and all on-campus resident students and guests (including camp and conference attendees) may need to evacuate University Housing. This pamphlet serves as an aid in maintaining personal safety of our guests and residents.

HURRICANE INFORMATION

Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30. It is important that all University Housing resident students stay informed about changing weather conditions. Before, during and after a hurricane, tropical storm, or other weather conditions, emergency information can be found through the following resources:

University Radio Station, WUWF 88.1 FM

- This is the University's official source of emergency information.
- Additional Information can be found on the WUWF website, uwf.org. WUWF will broadcast information specific to the UWF community as well as the surrounding Pensacola area.
- Both the WUWF website at uwf.org and the UWF website at uwf.edu will be updated as frequently as possible.

Main University Website, uwf.edu

- View our main university website to see information specific to the UWF campuses
- Links to the University Housing website and the emergency management website will be available from the UWF website.

Local Media Outlets

- Pensacola New Journal - publishes a newspaper daily and also maintains a website at pnj.com.
- WEAR TV – WEAR is Pensacola's local ABC affiliate and broadcasts news daily and on its website at weartv.com.

RESIDENT EXPECTATIONS DURING STORM WATCHES AND WARNINGS

During a TROPICAL STORM ALERT

- Resident students need to safeguard against these conditions to ensure personal safety, and the safety of belongings.

During a HURRICANE WATCH

- Resident students should begin preliminary preparations to protect personal safety, well-being and property.
- If there is not an evacuation and some facilities remain open, flyers will be posted at the Area Offices and throughout the residential community to notify resident students and/or camp/conference attendees. Please check the area office for updates.

During a HURRICANE WARNING

- UWF may encourage evacuation of the campus, including University Housing.
- Flyers will be posted, announcements will be made and community meetings will be held in order to inform resident students and camp/conference attendees.
- Residents should notify the Resident Assistant (RA) or Hospitality Assistant (HA) about their evacuation location when leaving the facility.

WAYS TO PREPARE FOR TROPICAL WEATHER PRIOR TO COMING TO CAMPUS

Know where you will go in the event of a tropical weather evacuation.

- On campus residents have the option to stay in the on-campus shelter, or leave campus.
- Residents & guests are strongly encouraged to leave campus if able to do so.

WAYS TO PREPARE FOR AN EVACUATION

- Pull all furniture, including beds, away from windows. Computers, TVs, stereo equipment, etc. should be raised off the floor and placed in a closet/study area.
- Place all articles from the floor (shoes, rugs, clothes, boxes, suitcases, etc.) on closet shelves or in dresser drawers.
- Place all loose objects in drawers or closets. Paper, books, etc., should not be left on tops of dressers, desks or near windows.

- Close and lock all windows. Raise any mini blinds in the room to the open position. Completely open any vertical blinds. Curtains should be left open.
- Do not put tape on window glass.
- If you have a vehicle, fill the gas tank. If not using your vehicle to evacuate, park it in an appropriate parking area with the emergency brake set and in reverse gear or park. All windows should be closed and the vehicle locked. Vehicles parked near buildings and not in an approved parking area (i.e. motorcycles in bicycle racks, cars in loading zones) may be removed or towed at owner's expense.
- Bring bicycles in from the outside and store in a bedroom. Should University Housing staff need to remove bicycles, they may be discarded.
- Do NOT store motorcycles, mopeds, or any other vehicle containing combustible fuel in or near University Housing facilities. These must be stored at an alternate location for safety purposes.
- Disconnect all unneeded appliances.
- Completely empty your refrigerator, unplug it and discard all perishable food items. Leave the refrigerator door open.
- Place all non-perishable food items in cupboards.
- In the event of an evacuation plan to take all necessary medications or other items since re-entering University Housing facilities may not be possible.
- Plan to take any valuable items. Please do not leave these items in University Housing.
- CLOSE AND LOCK ALL DOORS WHEN LEAVING HOUSING FACILITIES.

AT THE HURRICANE SHELTER

If the University closes, a shelter will be available to current on-campus residents only. Do not report to a shelter until it is officially open and ready for service. The University and local media will announce shelter openings. Pets, firearms, alcoholic beverages, and other illegal or dangerous substances are prohibited in shelter areas.

A shelter is not intended to serve as a residential facility. It will most likely be crowded. The shelter offers little privacy. Services and utilities, including electricity and technology, may be limited.



PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE SHELTER:

- Bedding, including pillows and blankets
- Personal prescription medications, extra set of clothing & toiletries
- Flashlight/batteries or glow sticks
- Personal first aid kit
- Identification (driver's license, Social Security card, student I.D. card, etc., passport book/card,)
- Cash, traveler's checks you may need following the storm
- Valuable papers
- Drinking water, and a 24-hour supply of non-perishable food
- Books, games, laptop, cell phone and associated chargers
- Pack lightly. Each individual will be responsible for carrying personal items. In addition, security of items brought to the shelter is each individual's responsibility.

AFTER THE HURRICANE

Stay tuned to social media, the UWF website, television or radio broadcasts for announcements. You may also call 1-866-893-6397 for specific campus information. Resident students (or camp/conference participants) will not be permitted to re-enter University Housing facilities until the Director of Housing and Residence Life officially announces the residential facilities are ready to re-open.

ADDITIONAL WEATHER INFORMATION

Please remember the Pensacola area experiences approximately three seasons. There may be unexpected weather conditions at any time. Whenever there is a threat of uncertain weather conditions safeguard against possible injury (i.e. during severe rain conditions, safeguard yourself against lightning strikes). Should conditions indicate rain, wind or other types of weather alerts, be sure to have planned ahead for personal safety and the safety of belongings.

Please note, that the University is not liable for damage to or loss of personal property. Please refer to the University Housing Contract Terms and Conditions or contact the Housing Central Office for more information.

For additional questions please contact the Central Housing Office at 850.474.2463 or email us at housing@uwf.edu.