Hurricane Preparedness

The following podcast is provided by the UCF Office of Emergency Management, which strives to protect the wellbeing of UCF students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Hurricane preparedness has become a part of life for all central Florida residents. UCF wants to do it part to ensure that all students, staff, and faculty members understand what they should do if a hurricane strikes.

First, come up with an emergency plan. Have a list of family members that you will need to contact and decide in advance what you will do and where you will meet in an event of an emergency. It is also good idea to have a backup plan incase communication systems are temporarily down.

You should put together a disaster kit that is ready to go. This kit should include items such as:

Nonperishable food

Plenty of water

Battery powered or hand-crank radio

Flashlights

Batteries

First Aid kit

Take the time to secure your home before a hurricane hits. Turn of utilities and propane tanks, secure loose out door items or bring them inside, board up all windows and keep all trees and shrubs well-trimmed.

Pay attention to local news reports for any evacuation orders that are issued. Students that stay in the area and live on campus or in campus-affiliated housing will be assigned to designated hurricane shelters on campus. You can contact UCF Housing and Residence Life at (407) 823.4663 for more information.

Students, staff, and faculty who live off campus can contact the Emergency Management Office in the county where they live for more information about public shelters. Additional important information will be posted on www.ucf.edu, the best place to learn about school closings and other resources.

Hurricane Season lasts from June 1st through November 30th. Taking just a few moments to set up your disaster plan will help to keep you safe in an emergency. Please visit the UCF Emergency Management website at www.emergency.ucf.edu for more information.