

NSU Emergency/Hurricane Web Page

This site (www.nova.edu/hurricane) will provide official information regarding campus closings, event cancellations, and campus reopenings. New information will be posted as frequently as warranted.

NSU EMERGENCY HOTLINE at **800-256-5065** will provide official information regarding campus closings, event cancellations, and campus reopenings.

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Severe Weather Prediction System

Nova Southeastern University incorporates a severe weather and lightning prediction system that is utilized by key personnel for event planning, facility management, and the clearing of university athletic fields. In addition, an outdoor speaker system that is part of the Emergency Notification System may be used to broadcast audible severe weather and lightning warnings to all campus athletic fields. All severe weather alerts are made available to the entire NSU community via the NSU emergency Web page, www.nova.edu/emergency, and the NSU hurricane Web page, www.nova.edu/hurricane.

Lightning

What You Need to Know

- **NO PLACE** outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area.
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.
- When you hear thunder, immediately move to safe shelter.
- Safe shelter is a substantial building or inside an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle.
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last clap of thunder.

INDOOR LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS

- Stay off corded phones, computers, and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths, and faucets.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

LAST RESORT OUTDOOR RISK REDUCTION TIPS

NO PLACE outside is safe when lightning is in the area. If you are caught outside with no safe shelter nearby, the following actions may reduce your risk.

- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges, or peaks.
- NEVER lie flat on the ground.
- NEVER use a tree for shelter.
- NEVER use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.
- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes, and other bodies of water.
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.).

If Someone Is Struck

- Victims do not carry an electrical charge and may need immediate medical attention.
- Monitor the victim and begin CPR or AED, if necessary.
- Call 9-1-1 for help.

NOTE: This advisory contains only basic information on protection from tornadoes and lightning strikes. For more information, contact your local weather bureau or governmental agencies.

Tornado

Tornadoes, the most violent atmospheric storms, can form anywhere at any time. You must have a survival plan for everywhere you may be. Discuss these plans with your family and friends and then make safety plans. It could save a life.

Tornado Watch

A tornado watch is issued when weather conditions are favorable for producing a tornado or tornadoes.

Tornado Warning

A tornado warning is issued when one or more tornadoes have been spotted.

Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado such as a dark, often greenish sky, large hail, or a loud roar similar to a freight train.

Tornado Safety Rules

- An underground shelter, basement, or safe room is the safest place.
- If no underground shelter or safe room is available, a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy building is the safest alternative.
- Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes. Abandon mobile homes and go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter immediately.
- If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter, or sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter, the following are options:
 - Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt, and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
 - If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have the following options as a last resort:
 - ◆ Stay in your vehicle with the seat belt buckled. Put your head down below the windows, and cover your head with your hands and a blanket, if possible.
 - ◆ If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car, and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands.

Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances.

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Severe Weather Emergency Procedures



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Hurricane Storm Advisory and Preparation

Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30.

DEFINITION:

A hurricane is a **severe tropical cyclone** originating in the equatorial regions of the Atlantic Ocean or Caribbean Sea; traveling north, northwest, or northeast; and usually involving heavy rains. A tropical storm becomes a hurricane when its winds reach a speed of 74 miles per hour. NOTE: The speed that a hurricane travels across land or sea is usually 10 to 20 miles per hour.

Hurricane Preparation

A number of hurricanes reach land each year, causing death and massive destruction of property.

Survival is the most important element in your hurricane plan.

Local news media periodically broadcast alerts with regard to hurricane location, intensity, and direction of travel.

The key to survival is **preparedness**. Preparedness means having a sound hurricane plan.

Preparation for a hurricane involves knowing when to secure property and when to evacuate threatened areas.

Evacuation is the best precaution for surviving any hurricane. Hurricanes usually travel at a speed that will allow people to evacuate. Any preparation plan should include the possibility of evacuation.

NSU Severe Weather Alerts

For real-time severe weather alerts—including lightning, tornado, and storm warnings—for NSU's four South Florida campuses visit www.nova.edu/emergency/.

Family Emergency Plan

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster. For help creating this plan, visit www.ready.gov/america/.

Hurricane Watches and Warnings

A hurricane watch is a governmental agency announcement issued for an area when there is a threat of hurricane conditions striking within 48 hours.

A hurricane warning is an announcement issued for an area when hurricane conditions are expected to strike within 36 hours. When a hurricane warning is received, all protective preparations should be made, with the expectation that the hurricane will strike.

Hurricane Watch

In the event of a hurricane watch, the university president will confer with members of NSU's administrative staff in preparation for hurricane protection activity.

Members of the university community may begin plans for evacuating the campus and preparing facilities and equipment for hurricane protection.

Hurricane Warning

UNIVERSITY CLOSING

- If a hurricane warning is issued, the university president will decide if the university will be evacuated.
- If the president orders the closing of the university, the appropriate directives will be relayed by the vice presidents to their areas of responsibility.
- NSU Office of Public Affairs will contact major news organizations for immediate broadcast notification of the closing.

Closing Preparation

OFFICE AND CLASSROOM

Prepare office and/or work space for wind, water damage, and flooding.

- Clear desk tops completely.

- Protect books, computers, and property with plastic sheeting and masking tape—contact Physical Plant for plastic sheeting and tape.
- Secure glass and heavy and sharp objects—carefully store items so that they will not fall.
- Take rolodexes, books, and diaries with you.
- Disconnect all electrical equipment.
- Clear any laboratory tables and areas of all apparatus and glassware and place items into secure storage.
- Computers: Copy important files onto portable media and take media with you.
- **Do not tape window glass.**

Student Housing

While Nova Southeastern University has identified off-campus shelter for residents during a hurricane, during a tropical storm the residence halls may shelter students in the residence halls. It is imperative to properly prepare before a hurricane or tropical storm strikes.

Some residents have inquired about insurance. Students may purchase renter's insurance, since the university is not responsible for the loss or damage to your personal items. Insurance coverage should be arranged before you move into your room. Renter's insurance is available from most major insurance companies.

All furniture, including beds, should be pulled away from the windows.

All loose objects, valuables, and electronics should be placed in drawers or closets. Paper, books, etc., should not be left on tops of desks or dressers. The closets and drawers should be locked/closed and remain locked/closed throughout the hurricane.

All windows must be closed tightly and locked. All blinds should be down and closed. **DO NOT** put tape on windows.

Each student should provide her/his own flashlight with extra batteries in case of power failure. **DO NOT** use candles under any circumstances.

Residents should provide themselves with an adequate supply of nonperishable foods to last two to three days. If you vacate your residence prior to the storm, we ask that you inform the Office of Residential Life and Housing staff members where you can be located.

Safety Procedures During the Hurricane

Follow the instructions of Public Safety, police officers, and emergency personnel.

- Residence hall students should follow the instructions of residential life staff members.
- Stay indoors until advised to exit.
- Do not open windows or doors to see what is happening outside.
- Beware of the eye of the storm. The eye is the center of the hurricane, which may bring a temporary period when the air is calm. Do not leave the safety of your shelter until advised by Public Safety or local officials.

Hurricane Information: NSU Emergency Hotline and Hurricane Web site

Nova Southeastern University provides a toll-free, 24-hour **EMERGENCY HOTLINE** for this type of emergency. The **HOTLINE** number is **800-256-5065**. In addition, the main telephone number for the university, **(954) 262-7300**, also serves as a **HOTLINE** during hurricane watch/warning events.

In the event that a hurricane watch is declared, a spinning hurricane icon appears at the top of the NSU homepage at www.nova.edu. The latest NSU-related hurricane information (including university closing information) is available by calling the **HOTLINE** numbers or via the **Web** by clicking on the hurricane icon or going directly to the NSU hurricane **Web page**, www.nova.edu/hurricane.

Local Florida hurricane shelter information can be obtained by visiting the Florida Division of Emergency Management's **Web site**: www.floridadisaster.org/shelters/.

Remember to keep a portable radio and plenty of spare radio batteries or a self-powered, hand-crank radio on hand.

Residential students will be notified by residential life staff members.

- When the "all clear" is given, exit your location with extreme care. Beware of potential life-threatening safety hazards, both visible and hidden—e.g., downed electrical lines.
- Do not enter structures, vehicles, or areas that are damaged.
- For NSU opening information, call the **NSU HURRICANE HOTLINE** at **(954) 262-7300** or the toll free **EMERGENCY HOTLINE** at **800-256-5065**.
- Enter NSU property only after permitted, and follow safety instructions.

Local Government Emergency Management/Hurricane Hotline Phone Numbers and Media resources

FLORIDA

Florida Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/>

Miami-Dade County: (305) 468-5900

Radio: WHQT-FM Hot 105, WKIS-FM 99.9 KISS, WIOD-AM 610

Television: Channel 6 WTVJ-NBC, Channel 7 WSVN-FOX, Channel 10 WPLG-ABC, Channel 4 WFOR-CBS

Broward County: (954) 831-3900

Radio: WHQT-FM Hot 105, WKIS-FM 99.9 KISS, WIOD-AM 610

Television: Channel 6 WTVJ-NBC, Channel 7 WSVN-FOX, Channel 10 WPLG-ABC, Channel 4 WFOR-CBS

Palm Beach County: (561) 712-6400

Radio: WBZT 1230 AM, WJNO 1290 AM

Television: Channel 5 WPTV-NBC, Channel 12 WPEC-CBS, Channel 25 WPBF-ABC

Lee County: (239) 477-3600

Radio: WGCU 90.1 FM, WMYR 1410 AM

Television: Channel 11 WINK, Channel 2 NBC (RSW), Channel 7 WZVN

Hillsborough County: (813) 272-5900

Radio: WFLA 970 AM, WHNZ 1250 AM

Television: WFVTV Channel 13, WFTS ABC 28

Orange County: (407) 836-3773

Radio: WDBO 580 AM, WWKA 92.3 FM, WHTQ 96.5 FM

Television: WFTV Channel 9, NEWS Channel 13

Duval County: (904) 630-2472

Radio: WMXQ 102.9 FM, WBOB 1320 AM

Television: WJXT TV 4, WAWS FOX 30

OUTSIDE FLORIDA

Puerto Rico: (787) 724-0124

Radio: WIOA 99.9 FM, WZNT 93.7 FM

Television: WKAQ-Telemundo Channel 2, WAPA Channel 4, WLII-DT-Univision Channel 11