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- Residents with emergency housing needs could be relocated.
- Students remaining on campus during the storm MUST sign the “warm body count” form so that staff will have an accurate number of those staying.
- Expect a four to six hour wait in a safe zone during a hurricane event. This is due to the threat of tornado activity.
- Expect a possible lack of air conditioning, water and limited electricity.
- Brown Bag lunches will be provided.
- Residents are encouraged to ration their food and water accordingly. It may be that conditions prohibit you from going outside for hours at a time.
- Avoid standing or sitting near windows and doors. In the event that the roof of the structure is damaged or blows off, go to a secure room, lie on the floor and cover yourself with a mattress.

- It is not uncommon for buildings to take on water or windows to break. Try to minimize the damage that might occur as a result of this and keep yourself safe.
- Remain inside - DO NOT leave the building during the storm, unless it is an emergency.
- Prepare for power outages to potentially last for an extended period of time. Flashlights are recommended in the event of a power failure. *Backup battery power should allow emergency lighting in the hallways and stairwells, and power the fire alarm systems and Emergency Notification Systems for a limited time.
- Listen for tornado sirens and take appropriate action to ensure your safety.
- Once the storm has passed, all residents may be relocated to the Thad Cochran Center.
- Campus curfew will be strictly enforced if instituted by the University Campus Police. If you leave the building you may be ARRESTED. This is for the safety of the student, staff and emergency response teams.

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Hurricane Preparedness Guide for Fraternity Housing Residents

It is ideal that in anticipation of a tropical storm or hurricane, residents make arrangements IN CASE there is a need to evacuate campus.

A watch means that tropical storm, hurricane or tornado conditions are a possible threat within 36 hours in the specified region. You should begin preliminary preparations to protect your life and property.

A warning means that tropical storm, hurricane or tornado conditions are expected in a specified region within 24 hours. All of your preparations should be complete at this time.

All residents will be informed as quickly as possible through the EAGLE ALERT system and by the Office of Conference and Fraternity Housing Operations.

Inside: Guide for before, during and after a storm; Fraternity Housing Evacuation Information Form

It is possible that all fraternity houses will be closed and evacuated because of a threat from a hurricane. Any decisions will be made with your safety in mind!
Fraternity Housing Emergency Evacuation Information Form

Name: __________________________________________________

House: __________________________________________________

Room: __________________________________________________

Cell Phone: ______________________________________________

Other Phone: ____________________________________________

Evacuation Destination: ___________________________________

Date Leaving: ____________________________________________

Emergency Contact Person

Name: __________________________________________________

Relationship: ____________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________________________

YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO YOUR FRATERNITY HOUSING DIRECTOR PRIOR TO LEAVING. This assists in keeping track of who needs emergency housing.

BEFORE THE STORM

- Sign up for Eagle Alert to receive time-sensitive emergency messages (via text, phone and email). A link is provided on the Southern Miss homepage.
- Check the University’s website, www.usm.edu. All updates will be available on this website.
- Make your plans early—Know where you will be going, whether it is home, a friend’s house, meeting up with your family, a shelter or on a road trip.
- PARENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS, OR FRIENDS MAY NOT EVACUATE TO THE FRATERNITY HOUSES.
- BEFORE leaving campus, complete the Emergency Evacuation Information Form and give it to your Fraternity Housing Director. This will help us in case we need to get in touch with you.
- Pack an evacuation bag. Arrangements will be made if students can not evacuate. Residents that are left on campus during a storm could be relocated to the Thad Cochran Center once the storm has passed. Items you may want to include in your bag:
  A. Your USM ID, driver’s license, and all other appropriate identification documents.
  B. Important Papers and Cash
  C. Basic Toiletries (i.e. soap, wash cloth, towel, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste and other Personal hygiene supplies)
  D. Small first-aid kit and extra medicine supply
  E. Several changes of clothing and a bag to store dirty or used clothing
  F. Your FULLY CHARGED cell phone and charger cord
  G. Pillow, Blanket and sleeping bag
  H. Items to entertain you
  I. Non-perishable food, snacks and dining supplies. Do not depend on Food Services
  J. WATER (plan on one gallon per person each day)
  K. Flashlight with extra batteries.
- Park on high ground—There are areas on campus that have a history of flooding during heavy rain falls. Those areas are the beginning of fraternity row by the Phi Kappa Tau house, the parking areas by McCarty, Bond, Scott, and Vann halls. Do your best to not park under any trees as they may cause damage if knocked over.
- Secure all bicycles and other objects that might cause damage if we encounter high winds.

PREPARE YOUR ROOM

1. Close your windows tightly and place towels underneath to help prevent water from soaking the entire room
2. Move items away from the window.
3. Remove everything of value from the floor and place in closet or on shelving in the room.
4. Cover important items with a garbage bag.
5. Remove perishable food from your refrigerator. It may be best to unplug and leave it open.
6. Take an inventory of your room (Take pictures)
7. Fill your bath tub or trash cans (if you have one) with water so there is water available for flushing toilets, etc.

THE UNIVERSITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY WATER DAMAGE TO PROPERTY DUE TO THE STORM. We recommend to all residents to secure a Renter’s Insurance Policy.