

Supplemental International Students and Scholars Hurricane Preparation “To Do” List

This supplemental guide has been compiled and modified into one easy access International Students and Scholars Hurricane Preparation “To Do” List which includes specific immigration related instructions for F1 and J1 Visa students and scholars.

To help you to prepare in advance in case of hurricane or other natural disaster we have pulled relevant information from The U.S. Federal Emergency Management Organization, USCIS, Stetson University, and NOAA.

THINGS TO DO: PREPARE AND STAY SAFE

1. Get Accurate Information (click on the links below)

[Stetson University Hurricane Planning Guide](#)
[Study in the States](#)
[Severe Weather Guide](#)
[NOAA Active Cyclones](#)
[Volusia County Emergency Management](#)

2. Know Where You Will Go

- PLAN AHEAD. Contact friends and family before the disaster and make arrangements to stay with them in the event of the campus is evacuated. If possible make several escape plans to different locations in case your preferred safe house is also under the threat of disaster.

3. Let Others Know Your Plan

It is **Mandatory** that you let people know your plans. Under the worst conditions it could be days or weeks before the university re opens after a hurricane event. During that time **WORLD continues to be responsible to USCIS for reporting your whereabouts and well-being.**

- Tell your parents/family/friends where you will be going
- [Pre evacuation check in](#)Fill out this form before leaving campus during an evacuation
- [Post storm Check in](#)Once the storm has passed and you are restored electricity please fill out this form
- [Return to Campus check in](#)...Upon return to the university please fill out this form

4. Build a Kit

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs you might have, such as supplies for pets.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items you may need in the event of an emergency.

5. Maintain Your Kit

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers
- Replace expired items as needed
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your needs change.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

Your basic emergency supply kit should include the following recommended items:

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food can opener for food
- Your passport, visas, I-20 or DS 2019 and any other official immigration documentation in a plastic ziplock bag IMPORTANT* Be sure you have a current travel signature on the 2nd page of the 1-20**
- Prescription medications

- First aid kit include: Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Your computer and other electronic devices and all chargers
- Charge your electronics prior to moving
- Glasses and contact lens solution
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket and pillow for each person
- Complete change of clothing for five days or more appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities that do not require electricity
- A battery mini-radio
- A battery mini-fan
- If you are driving, fill up the gas tank