



## Hurricanes / Flooding:

### 1. Stay Alert for:

- Flash Flood Watch: flash flooding is possible
- Flash Flood Warning: flash flooding is happening or is about to happen
- Coastal Flood Watch: moderate to major coastal flooding is possible
- Coastal Flood Warning: moderate to major coastal flooding is happening or is about to happen.

2. Stay away from flooded areas. Park vehicles on higher ground.

3. Do not attempt to walk or bike through flooded areas due to floating debris and potential for wildlife in the flood waters.

## Boil Water Advisories:

### Don't Consume Tap Water

- Use bottled or water that has boiled for 10 minutes to drink, cook, clean and brush teeth
- Showering and bathing is permitted; do not ingest water

## Tornados:

Seek shelter immediately. Go to an interior room on a lower level, such as a closet or bathroom. Avoid windows, doors and outside walls.

## Emergency Contacts: XAVIER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE:

[www.xula.edu](http://www.xula.edu) |     @XULA1925

Call us at: 504.486.7411

Emergency Web Site: [CLICK HERE](#)

Information Hotline: 1-866-520-XULA (9852)

Campus Police: 1-504-520-7490

### CITY EMERGENCY SERVICES:

New Orleans Police Dept: 911 | 1-504-565-7833

Energy: 1-800-368-3749

Atmos Energy: 1-800-692-4694

### PREPARATION INFORMATION:

Office of Emergency

Preparedness: [ready.nola.gov](http://ready.nola.gov) | 311

Office of Homeland Security: [gohsep.la.gov](http://gohsep.la.gov)

FEMA: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)



XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LA

# WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

## GUIDE



*Press Forward. Fear Nothing.*  
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# Be Ready, Be Safe Be Prepared

# HURRICANE PLANNING

Hurricane season begins June 1st and ends November 30th of every year. In New Orleans, the height of the season is typically in August and September. The majority of hurricanes are lower-scale and seldom make it past a level 2 on a scale of 1-5, and typically bring mostly strong rain and winds to the area. Other hazards associated with hurricanes are the storm surge/storm tide that can bring flooding, tornadoes, and power outages.

Xavier University recommends staying prepared for any emergency. This guide is designed to provide valuable information that you can use before, during and after a storm or emergency.

## Prepare Your Personal Evacuation Plan:

1. Keep handy important telephone numbers, including those in this brochure, as well as a road map of the area. You may need to take alternative routes if major roads are closed and data towers may be compromised.
2. Identify a method of transportation.
3. Identify ahead of time where you would travel to if told to evacuate.
4. Any resident student who does not submit a Personal Evacuation Plan must meet with the Director of Residence Life or Vice President of Student Services for assistance in developing a satisfactory (or acceptable) plan for evacuation.
5. Submit your evacuation plan to the University through the online housing process prior to check-in in preparation of the Hurricane Season.

## If classes are canceled:

1. Shelter in place with your Disaster Supply Kit if it is not an evacuation mandate.



2. For safety reasons, if a Mandatory Evacuation is enacted, no students, faculty or non-essential staff will be allowed to remain on campus.

## Disaster Supplies Kit:



- ✓ First aid kit and essential medications, especially prescription medications.
- ✓ Extra set of car keys.
- ✓ Canned food and a manual can opener.
- ✓ At least three gallons of water per person.
- ✓ Protective clothing, rainwear, and bedding or sleeping bags.
- ✓ Battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- ✓ If traveling with family: Special items for infants, elderly, or special-needs family members.
- ✓ Documents, driver's licenses, Social Security Card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.
- ✓ Off-campus students should seek instructions from the owner or manager of the property regarding closing the apartment or house and turning off gas and water.

Students are encouraged **NOT** to make airline reservations for Christmas break until the end of October due to the possibility of the fall semester being extended for university closure during an emergency.

## Students are encouraged to:

- Fuel and service your vehicle well in advance of predicted landfall, as nearby stations may sell out of gas as the storm approaches. Alternately arrange transportation with a fellow student or colleague.
- Have cash for items needed during the emergency.
- Take laptop and back up data on your computer hard drives, and chargers for all electronics.
- Secure all windows in your dorm or place of residence.
- Pay particular attention to any items that could become flying objects and secure these objects, if possible.
- Remove all perishable foods from your refrigerator.
- Notify your parents/family of your Personal Evacuation Plan, especially where you are going if you're not going home.
- Parents of resident students should refer to the university emergency alert line and website for updates but may also contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life (504-520-7321), the Residence Halls' information desk or University Police (504-520-7490).

## STAY CONNECTED

Follow @XULA1925   for updates, tips and additional information. In the event of a weather emergency which causes the campus to be closed, the XULA emergency website: [CLICK HERE](#). The toll-free telephone number **1 (866) 520-9852**, and messages sent via the university emergency alert system are to be considered the only official sources of information.