

WHAT IS A HURRICANE?

Hurricanes are tropical cyclones in which wind speeds reach a constant of at least 74 miles per hour with thunderstorms, torrential rains and storm surges of up to 20 feet.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS



TROPICAL STORM WATCH

Tropical storm conditions are possible, usually within 48 hours.



TROPICAL STORM WARNING

Tropical storm conditions are expected, usually within 36 hours.



TROPICAL STORM

Sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph.



HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane conditions are possible, usually within 48 hours. This watch should trigger your action plan, and protective measures should be taken.



HURRICANE WARNING

Hurricane conditions are expected, usually within 36 hours. Once this warning has been issued, you should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.



HURRICANE

Sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

CATEGORY 1	74 - 95 mph
CATEGORY 2	96 - 110 mph
CATEGORY 3	111 - 129 mph
CATEGORY 4	130 - 156 mph
CATEGORY 5	157 mph or higher

Additional Resources:

- National Hurricane Center: [nhc.noaa.gov](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
- Hurricane Safety Tips and Resources: [weather.gov/safety/hurricane](https://www.weather.gov/safety/hurricane)

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Preparing Your Room for Evacuation

- Cover valuable items with plastic and place them off the floor to reduce the risk of water damage.
- Ensure all windows and blinds are fully closed.
- Turn off and unplug all electrical appliances.
- Inform your parents or guardians of your evacuation plans and destination.

Developing Your Evacuation Plan

- Students: UNF Housing and Residence Life staff will provide updates and instructions as conditions change. If you have questions or need assistance, contact your Residence Hall staff.
- Residents are strongly encouraged to have a plan in place in case an evacuation of campus housing is required.

You should consider:

- Where you will go if campus housing closes (family, friends, or another safe location).
- How you will travel and communicate your plans.
- Replenishing and maintaining your hurricane emergency kit.



⤴ IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Arrange to stay with family or friends if possible.
- Maintain at least 3-5 days of non-perishable food and water.
- Keep a flashlight with extra batteries readily available.
- Ensure you have an adequate supply of prescription medications and essential over-the-counter items.

Visit links.unf.edu/hurricane for additional information and resources related to hurricane preparedness.

