

A graphic featuring a stylized map of the Southeastern United States in shades of blue and green. A red line with circular markers, representing a hurricane path, curves across the map from the Atlantic coast towards the Gulf of Mexico. The text 'HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The word 'HURRICANE' is on the top line, and 'PREPAREDNESS' is on the line below it, with a thin white horizontal line underlining the second word.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Information and Preparedness Guide for Students

Students at the Medical University of South Carolina are encouraged to use the following guide to prepare for hurricane season. It is the University's duty to ensure all students are fully aware of MUSC's Severe Weather Plan. Annually, Student Programs and Student Diversity creates a new list of students needing assistance with campus evacuation in case of an emergency and coordinates their evacuation with the Office of Public Safety.

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MUSC Department of Public Safety

101 Doughty Street

(843) 792-4196

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Changing What's Possible

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1 and runs through November 30.

When a hurricane or tropical storm threatens Charleston, the university will activate the MUSC Alert to provide faculty, staff and students with up-to-date information on storm progress, instructions regarding campus preparations, announcements about closing and reopening of university offices, and other relevant instructions.

The Medical University of South Carolina emergency website will be updated with vital information.

Sources of Information

Register for evacuation assistance online at education.musc.edu/students/spsd/communications/hurricane

MUSC Department of Public Safety
843-792-4196 or 843-792-2261
musc.edu/publicsafety

Find more information during an emergency at musc.edu/weatheremergency or by calling 843-792-MUSC (6872).

MUSC ALERT

Receive emergency notifications through the MUSC Alert System including SMS text messaging, voice messaging and desktop alerts.

Be Prepared

Get a kit:

- Maintain a disaster supplies kit year round.
- Include enough supplies to sustain you for at least 72 hours.
- Periodically check and replenish the kit contents.
- Visit www.ready.gov/kit for more information.

Make a plan:

- Prepare your emergency plan prior to hurricane season.
- Communicate your plan with friends and family.
- Visit www.charlestoncounty.org to prepare your emergency plan.

Important Phone Numbers

**Charleston County
Emergency Management**
843-746-3800

**Disabilities Resource Center &
Mobility Issues Assistance**
843-225-5080

**American Red Cross
LowCountry Chapter**
843-764-2323

**Charleston County Emergency
Citizens Information Line**
843-746-3900
843-746-3909 (Spanish)
843-746-3911 (TTY)

REGISTER AT MUSC.EDU/MUSCALERT

✓ To Do List

- I have registered for MUSC Alert online at: muscd.edu/muscalert
- I have programmed MUSC Dept. of Public Safety into my mobile phone 843-792-4196.
- If needed, I have registered for evacuation assistance at muscd.edu/spsd/hurricane
- I have entered "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) number in my mobile phone.
- I have an Emergency Communications Plan. My family and friends know how to contact me in an emergency.
- I have created an Emergency Supplies Kit with enough supplies to last for 72 hours.
- I have prepared a plan for my home and belongings including items such as computers and electronic files for severe weather emergencies.
- I have a shelter plan in place or know the location of the area shelters if Charleston County is evacuated.

Checklist

Phone Numbers

Note: Send text messages as they may have an easier time getting through than phone calls.

Medical Information

Name: _____

Allergies: _____

Medications: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

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Medications: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Insurance Information

Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Meeting Place

Have two options: One near the campus and one further away in case you can't return to campus.

Location #1: _____

Location #2: _____

Shelter Locations

Safe options to wait out a storm:

Location #1: _____

Location #2: _____

Neighbors

Work with your neighbors to have plans to ensure everyone is safe: _____

Other Notes: _____

Emergency Kit

- 3-day food supply
- 3-day water supply
- Flashlight
- Batteries/Charger
- Glow sticks
- Radio
- Blankets
- First aid kit
- Pet food
- Medicine
- Extra cash
- Toiletries
- Rain gear
- Map of area

National Weather Service and Advisory Guide

What do hurricane advisories mean?

Hurricane “watch” means that hurricane storm conditions are possible in a specified area usually in 48 hours.

Hurricane “warning” means hurricane storm conditions are expected usually within 36 hours.

What is the National Weather Service?

The National Weather Service provides weather, hydrologic and climate forecasts of hazardous weather, including thunderstorms, flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes and winter weather during life threatening situations.

Websites to know:

www.nhc.noaa.gov
www.weather.gov
www.scemd.gov
www.charlestoncounty.org

Radio stations to listen to:

Charleston
WIWF 96.9 FM or WEZL 103.5
NOAA Weather Radio Freq. 162.550

Social media to follow:

twitter.com/NOAA
facebook.com/NOAA
twitter.com/NWS
twitter.com/chascountygov

Evacuation Information

Be prepared.

Storm surge may extend beyond coastal areas, but hurricanes also bring high winds, tornadoes, heavy rains and flooding to inland areas. Learn safe routes and be ready to drive at least 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.

Before you leave home.

- Know where you will go.
- Make arrangements for pets. Pets are not allowed in most shelters.
- Fuel up your vehicle.
- Turn off gas, electricity and water.
- Stay tuned to local television and radio stations.
- Charge your cell phone and mobile devices. Have your charger.

Return home.

- Avoid downed power lines and report them immediately.
- Avoid flooded roads.
- Enter your home with caution.
- Use the telephone only for emergency.

Evacuation

Bus Stops

Downtown Charleston

- CHS Progressive School- 322 Meeting Street
- Archer Building- 220 Nassau Street
- Burke HS- 244 President Street
- Joseph Floyd Manor- 2106 Mt. Pleasant Street
- Gaillard Municipal Auditorium- 95 Calhoun Street
- Memminger Elementary School- 20 Beaufain St.
- Bridgeview Village Complex- 108 D N. Romney St.
- Whaley Recreation Center- 1810 Doscher Avenue

West Ashley

- Bi-Lo- 3125 Bees Ferry Road
- W. Ashley Middle Sch.- 1776 William Kennerty Dr.
- Springfield Elem. School- 27 41 Clover Street
- Citadel Mall- 2070 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. Charleston
- First Assembly- 2957 Savannah HWY
- Publix- 3642 Savanah HWY

Visit charlestoncounty.org for more locations.

Disabled Services

Call 843-746-3900 for evacuation assistance.

Evacuation Routes

City of Charleston

- The west side of the city (West Ashley) will use SC 61 to US 78 to Aiken and North Augusta
- Downtown will use the normal west-bound lanes of I-26

Visit charlestoncounty.org for more routes.

Evacuating with Pets

Don't leave them behind

Prepare a safe location for your animals. This may be with you, a friend, in a kennel located in a non-evacuation zone or in a pet-friendly shelter. Pet friendly shelters only accept dogs and cats and require up-to-date vaccinations and registration. Pet friendly hotels can be found at: www.pet-friendly-hotels.net.

Pet Disaster Supplies include: proper ID collar, vaccination paperwork, cage and leash, ample food and water and any necessary medication.

If you have an animal with you and you do not have transportation, contact the Charleston County Emergency Public Information Line at 843-746-3900 and a vehicle will be dispatched to transport you and your pets to the evacuation animal shelter.

Returning to Campus

After the storm.

The severity and intensity of the damage caused by the storm, along with the storm's location and impact on transportation corridors will heavily contribute to decisions to reoccupy the campus. Valid and updated identification such as your driver's license may be required at checkpoints for evacuees to return to the area.

All students, faculty and staff who evacuated from the area should continually monitor MUSC website for up-to-date information regarding campus operations. The University will make all attempts to re-open and resume classes as quickly as possible, but must make every effort to provide a safe environment for the MUSC community to return to after the storm.

Pre-storm Planning

1. Review MUSC's Hurricane Preparedness Guide for Students at <http://horseshoe.musc.edu/everyone/public-safety/preparedness-and-plans/hurricane-preparedness>
2. Register your mobile device for MUSC Alerts at muscedu/muscalert
3. Create an emergency plan. <http://flash.org/hurricanestrong/>
 - a. Do you need to evacuate? <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/>
 - b. If no, determine the safest spot to sit during the storm. It should be an inside a walled area with NO windows such as an inside bathroom, underneath stairs or inside a hallway.
4. Gather important documents such as passport, visa, insurance info, prescriptions, etc., and store in a waterproof bag/container. (Make copies of everything and store separately.)
5. Create your Hurricane Kit. <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>
 - a. Use plastic storage boxes with secure lids as emergency boxes.
 - b. Plan on enough emergency supplies for 72 hours.
 - c. Save and clean a variety of two-liter bottles, to fill with water.

Storm Approaching

1. Make or buy ice, then store in a cooler or ice chest.
2. Check supplies in Hurricane Kit.
3. Make sure you have enough cash (ATMs will not work without electricity).
4. Get medications refilled-have a 30-day supply.

5. Charge all cell phone batteries.
6. Keep car filled with gas, check oil, tires, etc.
7. Wash all your clothes.
8. Cook all food that could potentially spoil.

Storm Confirmed and Charleston County is Not Required to Evacuate

1. Shut windows.
2. Pack clothing in case evacuation is necessary.
3. Fill bathtub, large pots, and other containers with water.
4. Turn freezer to colder setting/fill with bags of ice and 2 liter bottles of water.
5. Put textbooks, picture albums, and other special memorabilia in plastic bags.
6. Gather pillows and blankets, emergency kit, food, and water in your safe spot.
7. Unplug electrical items such as a computer and TV.
8. Gather a group of friends and stay together.

During the Storm and You Are Not Required to Evacuate

1. Stay calm and remain in your safe spot.
2. Continue to watch the news/listen to radio for updates.
3. Avoid using cell phone as much as possible.
4. Do not use electrical appliances.
5. Stay indoors.

After the Storm

1. Use extreme caution when walking or driving outside.
2. Check for damage of home/property.
 - a. If you smell gas, open windows and leave home immediately. Call 911.
 - b. If you have power, check for signs of electrical damage such as sparks or frayed wires. Another sign is the smell of something burning.
 - c. If there is water in the house, try to remove as much water as possible, then make sure home is well ventilated. Clean your wet clothing and furniture. Have any electrical appliance exposed to water serviced before using it.
3. Continue to watch the news or listen to the radio for updates.
4. Check MUSC Information Line for campus updates 843-792-MUSC (6872).