

ATTENTION: SEMINARY FAMILY HURRICANE INFORMATION

Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30. The following information is to advise the seminary family how best to prepare for a hurricane coming into the New Orleans area. During hurricane warnings, all seminary residents are advised to stay tuned to radio station **WBSN FM-89.1**, television station **WWL Channel 4**, radio station **WWL 870 AM** or **www.nobts.edu** for up-to-date weather information. The Mayor's office will be making announcements through the media. If the Mayor or the President of NOBTS recommends that you leave the city, then do so.

IF THE CITY DECLARES A MANDATORY EVACUATION THEN EVERYONE WILL LEAVE, EXCEPT EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. STAYING ON CAMPUS IS NOT AN OPTION!

- GENERAL HURRICANE PREPARATION -

Once a tropical storm or hurricane enters the Gulf of Mexico:

1. Remove or secure all objects on the outside of the building that could cause damage if blown by the wind.
2. Clean the bathtub and fill for fresh water storage. This water can be used for flushing commodes or drinking water if power loss is substantial. Stock up on additional bottled drinking water.
3. Stock up on non-perishable food items. Make sure you have a can opener that does not require electricity. Do not purchase cold foods that need refrigeration
4. Make sure your vehicles' fuel tanks are filled before fuel supplies diminish.
5. Have some cash on hand in case ATM or credit card machines are not available
6. Have important documents together so they can easily be moved to vacate with you.
7. Keep calm and listen to your weather station for hurricane updates and evacuation orders.
8. **If you decide to voluntarily evacuate the campus, please do so with enough time to exit the city and avoid any traffic problems connected with the emergency. Listen carefully for news of the school's closing. Additional Hurricane Flyers will be issued in this event. REMOVE ALL PERISHABLE ITEMS FROM YOUR REFRIGERATOR AND TAKE THEM WITH YOU SO AS TO PROTECT THE REFRIGERATOR IN CASE OF A LONG-TERM POWER OUTAGE. Clean the fridge, unplug it, and leave the doors open. Take all of your vehicles with you to avoid damage and possible flooding.**
9. Remain indoors during storm conditions. Blowing debris can injure and even kill. Do not walk in flooded streets as manhole covers become dislodged and create a deadly danger, especially to children.
10. Please note anytime flooding occurs on campus, signs will be posted regarding roads being closed. Please pay close attention to these signs and follow the directions set forth by Campus Police. Moreover,

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during these times of flooding on campus please observe a Speed Limit of 5 MPH due to wakes caused by

your vehicle. Any flooded area on campus becomes a NO WAKE ZONE to help keep water from being pushed into vehicles and residences.

11. After the storm has passed:

- a. Keep tuned to radio station **WBSN FM-89.1** or television station **WWL Channel 4** for advice.
- b. Obey Campus Police at all times.
- c. Do not drive since roads may be filled or blocked by debris and avoid loose or dangling power lines.
- d. Stay inside during clean up operations. Do not wander around the campus. Keep children inside until it has been announced by Campus Police that the danger has passed
- e. If there has been a lot of flooding, do not drink tap water until it has been determined to be safe.
- f. If no evacuation is ordered, but we lose power, leave your freezer shut. In order to best preserve your food during a power outage, do not open your freezer for any reason. Check refrigerated foods for spoilage if power has been off and remove spoiled food from your refrigerator IMMEDIATELY. Your food in the freezer can be kept without power for up to three days. Residents are encouraged to keep a cooler so as to keep food fresh.
- g. **DO NOT USE OPEN FLAMES IN YOUR APARTMENT**, including candles or grills.

- MANDATORY HURRICANE EVACUATION -

If a mandatory evacuation is called then everyone will leave, except emergency personnel.

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- a. Remove everything perishable from your refrigerator and take it with you or dispose of it properly. Clean the inside of your refrigerator, unplug it, and leave the doors open.
- b. Remove or secure all objects on the outside of the building that could cause damage if blown by the wind. This includes bikes, toys, and grills
- c. Take all of your vehicles with you to avoid storm damage or flooding.

- EMERGENCY SHELTER INFORMATION -

Be advised that the seminary has no emergency shelters on campus but has made arrangements for sheltering as listed below:

If you need a place for shelter, the following locations are prepared to receive Seminary families in the event of a mandatory evacuation (If you choose to evacuate to any shelter on this list, please call the contact number for the shelter and apprise them of your coming, and bring your own bedding supplies):

• **Camp Garaywa** (250 beds) 312 Camp Garaywa Rd., Clinton, MS. Contact: Roddy Reed at 601.924.7034 (office) or 601.214.2102 (cell). (Directions: Take I-10W to I-55N. At I-20 Exit 44, bear LEFT onto I-20 [US-49]; At I-20 Exit 35, turn LEFT on to Clinton Raymond Rd; Proceed 1/2 mile and turn LEFT onto Camp Garaywa Rd).

• **First Baptist Church**, 431 North State Street Jackson, MS 39201. Contact: Dr. Jim Spikes at 601.949.1993. Take I-10W to I-55N. Follow signs for I-20 W / 49 N. Take North Terry Road exit. Continue onto US-51 N. Stay N on State St. Destination will be on the Left.

For EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ONLY, call Campus Police at 504.944.7711. **For INFORMATION**, call Providence House at 504.944.4455.