

HURRICANE PREPARATION

INFORMATION FOR QUEEN'S COLLEGE STAFF



As you are aware, The Bahamas is located within a Hurricane Zone. Hurricane Season begins June 01 and ends November 30. Should a hurricane occur, information will be given on radio, television and social media. As long as necessary precautions are taken, persons are safe. There have been few deaths associated with hurricanes in The Bahamas.

This booklet is prepared as a resource for Queen's College employees.

CATEGORY	WINDS	DAMAGE
1	74-95 MPH	Minimal
2	96-110 MPH	Moderate
3	111-130 MPH	Major
4	131-155 MPH	Extensive
5	> 155 MPH	Catastrophic

In the event of a hurricane, you should have on hand the following:

Bottled water (at least 2 quarts per person per day)

Potable water for washing, etc (at least one gallon per person per day)

You may want to fill bathtubs, buckets etc.

Batteries and a battery operated radio

Candles and matches

Battery operated flashlight / lantern

Canned goods (perishable items will do just that, if the electricity goes off for long)

Fill your vehicle with petrol

Check your pets

First aid kit

Charge up your electronics

Check with your landlord about securing the property / building – whose responsibility is it?

If you intend to move to a shelter, **take those items as well as:**

Sleeping materials (blankets, pillow, etc)

Prescriptions or medications

Something to do (books, games)

Identification and copies of important documents (passports, work permits, etc)

Mosquito repellent

Changes of clothing

Manual can opener

Disposable plates and utensils

Personal items (toiletries, hand sanitizer, toilet tissue, etc)

Some cash money (ATM's may be down if the electricity goes off for a long period)

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Depending on which area you reside, there are several designated emergency shelters.

Stay away from beaches and other low lying areas which can be swept away by the sea surge and hurricane tides.

During the Hurricane

If the center or 'eye' of a hurricane passes over your area, there will be a brief period during which the winds will come to a lull. This can last from several minutes to a half-hour or more. Remain safely indoors during this period, as the storm will quickly pick up again. Keep Calm.

Official government announcements will be made through the local radio stations and social media. Official announcements from the school administration will be made on the school website, local radio stations and school sanctioned social media. Do not listen to rumours. Should the school have to close, **staff are expected** to assist with securing the campus (your classroom, lab, office, clinic, etc.) wherever possible.

After the Hurricane

An official announcement will be made by the Department of Meteorology (The Met Office) and NEMA (National Emergency Management Authority) as to when it is safe to go outside and resume normal activity.

Do not touch loose or dangling wires. Report damage to power lines, water pipes, downed trees, or sewers to authorities as soon as possible. Do not venture into standing water.

An official announcement will be made regarding as to when school will reopen for staff and students.

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