



BEFORE THE STORM

Hurricane season typically lasts from **June 1st** to **November 30th**.

American University of Antigua (AUA) College of Medicine and American International College of Arts and Sciences–Antigua (AICASA) will give advance notice of all approaching storms and provide updates as often as possible. As a precaution, you should be prepared for the possibility.

HOW TO PREPARE:



Get hurricane updates from local radio or television stations. Be sure to check the AUA/AICASA website and Information Hotline for progress reports and official instructions.



In advance of the storm, stock up on all items listed in the emergency checklist.



Bring all outdoor objects inside and anchor those that cannot be brought indoors. This must be done in advance. Do *not*, under any circumstances, go outside during the storm.



Adjust your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting. Freeze small containers of water ahead of time, which will continue to keep your items cold if the power goes out. If you open the door only as needed, refrigerated perishables can last for about 4 hours, while those in the freezer are safe for up to 24 hours.



Protect your important documents, passport, pictures, etc. by keeping them sealed in watertight containers.



DURING THE STORM

Your most important task is to remain indoors and stay alert. Take these simple steps to prepare yourself:

- Close all interior doors, curtains, and blinds, and stay away from windows.
- Keep a blanket, flashlight, and drinking water on hand. Your remaining supplies should also be easily accessible.
- Continue listening to a battery-operated radio for weather updates.
- Keep your electronics off and unplugged unless otherwise instructed.



AFTER THE STORM

If you have power, check your AUA/AICASA email for campus reopening and class scheduling updates. If not, listen to the following Antigua-based FM radio stations for local updates.



- 90.5 ABS Radio
- 91.1 Observer Radio
- 92.3 Caribbean Radio Lighthouse
- 97.1 RadioZDK
- 107.5 Crusader Radio



EMERGENCY INFORMATION



PHONE NUMBERS

ISLAND

General/Medical Emergency	
Ambulance	911 or 999
Hospital	484-2700
Fire Department	462-0044
Office of Disaster Preparedness ...	462-4206 / 462-4207

AUA & AICASA

Campus Emergency Line	764-0164
Information Hotline	484-8888
Health Clinic	484-8900 ext.1562
Campus Security	484-8900 ext. 1206 / 1207
Residential Services	764-0417



WEBSITES

Weather Underground

wunderground.com

Antigua & Barbuda Meteorological Services

antiguamet.com

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

ready.gov/hurricanes

American Red Cross

redcross.org/hurricane

Center for Disease Control–Hurricane Preparedness

j.mp/cdcstorm

CONTACT PROCEDURE:

Each housing area will have a designated student and faculty representative. After the storm, students must immediately contact their student representative. More information about these representatives will be provided during orientation.

RETURNING HOME:

If evacuated, you may return to a damaged or flooded home. For insurance purposes, take photos of all serious damage before cleaning up. If there is debris that can't safely be removed, contact your faculty representative for further instruction.

Check for and remove spoiled items from your refrigerator immediately. For the next few weeks, boil tap water before consuming to be safe.

When outside, look out for scattered nails and live wires. Wear thick-soled shoes.

EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

- Batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlights
- Bottled water – one gallon of water per person per day
- Cash (credit card readers and ATMs may be down after the storm)
- Duct tape
- First aid kit
- Full tank of gas
- Insect repellent
- Non-perishable food: canned food, energy bars, crackers, cookies, cereal, etc.
- Manual can opener
- Medicine (over-the-counter and prescription)
- Watertight bags and containers
- Trash bags

Depending on your accommodation, you may be moved to an AUA/AICASA-designated shelter. Transportation will be arranged. If evacuated, you are allowed to take one bag only. Remember to pack:

- Clothes for up to 3 days
- Fully charged portable electronics: laptop, phone, etc.
- Important documents and money (passport, ID, credit cards, cash, etc.) stored in a watertight container
- Non-perishable food for up to 3 days
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, etc.
- Pillow and blanket
- Prescribed and over-the-counter medication
- Towel
- Water for up to 3 days

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YOUR GUIDE TO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

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