

Hurricane Preparedness Guide for Researchers

FIU Hurricane Preparedness Guidelines for Lab Areas

The document below provides some tips to help prepare your lab for hurricanes:

https://ehs.fiu.edu/_assets/docs/lab-safety/hurricane-preparedness-guidelines-lab.pdf

Purchasing Dry Ice:

- Associated Carbonic Industries, LLC; supplier ID 0000032628; tel. 786-464-1260; email acidryice@gmail.com; minimum order QTY 50LB; price per pound \$1.00.
- Publix; no minimum purchase quantity; price per pound \$1.59; may use commodity card to purchase but limit is 25lbs.

*For purchases over 25lbs, it is recommended that departments open a blanket purchase order at the start of the hurricane season. This way, if an emergency emerges, departments can have an open purchase order and orders can be expedited.

Below is additional information from Environmental Health & Safety regarding the use and handling of dry ice:

https://ehs.fiu.edu/_assets/docs/lab-safety/dry-use-usage-guidelines.pdf
https://ehs.fiu.edu/_assets/docs/lab-safety/dry-ice-safety-quick-guide.pdf

Potential Hazardous Conditions in Labs

Work with Environmental Health & Safety for documenting hazardous conditions within specific buildings. Identify hazardous materials, equipment, fumes, chemicals, explosives, radioactive materials, biological waste, etc. For more information, please email Environmental Health & Safety to ehs@fiu.edu.

BBC Boatyard and Boat Hurricane Prep

This work is performed and overseen by the Marine Science Building Manager with the assistance of the Boating Safety Officer and Marine Science personnel as required. Captain Bill Chamberlain is the point of contact:

- Tel: 305-919-4010
- Email: whchambe@fiu.edu
- Check the attached **Hurricane Prep Checklist for BBC Boatyard and Boats** document for more information

*the elevation of the boatyard is 10ft above sea level. FIU's storm surge models call for a worst-case scenario of 9ft surge, with a direct hit by a category 5 hurricane. This makes the BBC boatyard a secure location for boats and equipment to ride out a storm.

Aquarius Research Vessels

The Medina Aquarius Program is in the process of updating its hurricane plan for its research vessels. In the current plan, Aquarius research vessels are secured at their docs in Islamorada. Dr. James Fourqurean is the point of contact:

- Tel: 305-348-4084
- Email: fourquire@fiu.edu

Essential Personnel List (ORED)

In the event of a University closure due to a storm, PI's should communicate the names and panther IDs of all their essential personnel to stephanie.mitjans@fiu.edu. This will ensure that lab personnel will continue to have access to enter the campus and laboratories.

***Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, University deliveries and mailroom procedures have been updated:**

DELIVERIES

All deliveries to MMC, unless designated to go to Scientific Receiving (CP-193), will be held in the Surplus Warehouse (W-7) until remote working conditions have ended. Recipients of packages will receive an email informing them of receipt of the item. Units can pick up packages between the hours of 8:30AM and 5:00PM. Contact 305-348-2799 for any questions.

If a package is needed immediately, reach out to Surplus Property at the following phone numbers:

- (305) 348-2799, 2173, 2179 (Surplus Warehouse)
- (305) 348-3695 (Scientific Receiving)
- (305) 919-5526 (BBC Receiving)

MAILROOM

US Postal Service mail is being held in the mail room (MMC: CSC-1131, BBC: AC1-195B). If you would like to retrieve your department's mail, please do so between 10AM and 12PM, Monday through Friday. Should you need different pick-up time, please coordinate directly with the Mailroom Supervisor Michael Fernandez at 305-348-2644.