Resident Student
Hurricane Evacuation Plan

Before you arrive at Armstrong —

Develop an Evacuation Plan

Housing and Residence Life staff members will be asking for your evacuation plan when you arrive on campus. Armstrong is not able to offer assistance in evacuation or a shelter. You must have your own evacuation plan. Talk with your family and friends to develop a plan should a hurricane evacuation be ordered.

Move-In

During check-in for housing, you will be asked to complete and submit an evacuation plan form, including contact names and numbers for you at your destination. If you do not have personal transportation, please make plans with another resident or friend who is leaving campus—use the buddy system.

If your evacuation plan changes at any time, please let a Housing and Residence Life staff member know and the change will be made to your evacuation plan form.

Campus Evacuation

In the event a hurricane warning is issued, Armstrong may evacuate the campus. Prior to leaving campus, you are required to confirm your evacuation plan with a Housing and Residence Life staff member at a designated location.

Once the university is closed and an evacuation from campus is ordered, no student can remain in the residence halls. Housing and Residence Life will check every student room to make sure that you have evacuated.

Before you leave

Before you leave your residence hall:
◇ Move all furniture, electrical appliances (TV, computer, etc.), and valuables away from the windows and off of the floor.
◇ Clean out your refrigerator and leave it plugged in on the highest setting. Unplug all unneeded electronics and appliances.
◇ Close and lock all windows.
◇ Contact your RA or AC to confirm your departure and evacuation plan.
◇ Pack wisely - include cash, drinking water, personal identification and important documents, medications, portable computers, toiletries, flashlight and extra batteries, and pillows and blankets. Please see the CEMA website (chathamemergency.org) for a more complete list.
◇ If you own a vehicle, have the gas tank filled.
◇ Decide what route you are going to take out of Savannah. Be informed of contra-flow routes and have alternate ways to evacuate.

Be Prepared

Do not wait until the last minute to purchase supplies or create an evacuation plan. Use transportation vouchers for evacuation and have cash on hand for emergency use. If you do not have personal transportation, please make plans with another resident or friend who is leaving campus—use the buddy system.

Hurricane Information

The hurricane season for the Atlantic Coast and Gulf of Mexico is from June 1 to November 30 each year. It is important for resident students to stay informed about weather conditions. We encourage residents to regularly check local news channels and weather monitoring websites, as well as the Armstrong website for updates and cancellation of classes and events. Armstrong will use BLAST to notify you of cancellation of classes and reopening of the university. You can also call 912-344-2500 for the latest updates from the university.

The university is not responsible for damage to or loss of personal property, failure or interruption of utilities, or for inconvenience caused by the weather emergency. Students are encouraged to provide their own personal property loss insurance.

A hurricane watch means that hurricane conditions are a possible threat within 36 hours. A hurricane warning means that hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours.

Armstrong Atlantic State University will close when Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) announces “voluntary evacuation of the islands.”

YOU MUST HAVE A PERSONAL EVACUATION PLAN.
ARMSTRONG DOES NOT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION OR SHELTER.
CONFIRM YOUR EVACUATION PLAN WITH HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF BEFORE LEAVING CAMPUS FOR AN EVACUATION.