Phase 1
Storm Forecast: When a tropical system has entered the Gulf of Mexico or has made landfall on the outer edges of the Gulf and is expected to re-enter the Gulf, and the South Louisiana area is within the probability of landfall zone, the Emergency Preparedness Committee will monitor the speed and path of the storm.

What you should do:
• Gather emergency supplies in case you will need to evacuate.
• Obtain a map of evacuation routes.
• Store textbooks and loose objects on a shelf or in a closet.
• Unplug electrical equipment.
• Move all items away from the windows.
• Have your car serviced and filled with gas (if applicable).
• Obtain a map of evacuation routes.
• Purchase any necessary food and supplies.
• Gather emergency supplies in case you need to evacuate.

Phase 2
Storm Forecast: - When a tropical system is in the Gulf of Mexico and South Louisiana is in the high probability landfall zone and the National Weather Service issues a Tropical Storm Warning for South Louisiana that includes the Thibodaux area, the EPC will make recommendations to the University President regarding 3 scheduled classes. The University President will make the decision to cancel or continue class. If the National Weather Service issues a Hurricane Warning for South Louisiana that includes the Thibodaux area, university classes will be cancelled. Students are advised to evacuate to an area out of the storm’s path.

What you should do:
• Check the Nicholls website at www.nicholls.edu for the updates of University classes, potential closures, and other pertinent information. Be prepared to evacuate if informed to do so. In the event of an evacuation, ensure all steps of Phase 2 have been completed.

Phase 3
Storm Forecast: The tropical system is in the Gulf of Mexico, and south Louisiana is in the high probability landfall zone. The National Weather Service has issued a hurricane warning for south Louisiana that includes the Thibodaux area.

What you should do:
Check the Nicholls website at www.nicholls.edu for the status of University classes, potential closures, and other pertinent information. Be prepared to evacuate if informed to do so. In the event of an evacuation, ensure all steps of Phase 2 have been completed.
General Evacuation Information

South Louisiana, including the Thibodaux area, is located in the coastal zone that borders the Gulf of Mexico. It is a great place to live, but it requires its residents to have an emergency storm plan ready to put in action when needed. Residents should initiate and/or review their plans before June 1 each year.

Students living on campus should have an emergency storm plan as well. During check-in each summer and fall, on-campus residents will be given a Resident Information Form. This form will be completed by each campus resident and submitted to Nicholls State University to let university officials know your evacuation plan, if the university should cancel classes and advise residents to evacuate. It is important that the university have this information, but it is more important that you as a south Louisiana resident have a well thought out plan should an evacuation order be issued.

Nicholls may close due to the threat of an approaching storm. If that occurs, the students living in campus facilities will be told to evacuate. It is important that you know where you will be going, whether it is home, to a friend's house, or to a designated shelter. If you are an out-of-state or international student and have identified on the Resident Information Form that you do not have transportation, the housing staff will contact you regarding options for assistance.

It is a good idea to have storm or emergency supplies on hand. Do not wait until the last minute to buy food, toiletries, batteries, gas and other emergency supplies. This guide will assist you with making emergency plans in a timely manner. Please check the Nicholls website at www.nicholls.edu frequently for updates on the progression of the storm and for pertinent information issued by the university. If you have any questions, contact Housing and Residence Life Office for more information or clarification at (985)448-4479.

University Hurricane Emergency Plan

Nicholls has a Hurricane Emergency Plan which can be found on the university website, http://emergency.nicholls.edu/. The university has five phases or levels of preparedness that may be implemented before, during and after a possible storm. Once a storm is predicted to enter the Gulf of Mexico, Nicholls will be placed on standby first and will immediately start monitoring the storm. The university will initiate the appropriate phase preparation tasks as needed to minimize damage to its facilities. The University Hurricane Emergency Plan website will give you an idea of steps that will be taken, who will do them and when the phases may be initiated.

Your Emergency Bag

- Your university ID (Colonel Card) and driver’s license, or appropriate identification documents.
- Important papers.
- Basic toiletries – soap, wash cloth, towel, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush and other personal hygiene supplies.
- Small first aid kit and your medicine supply.
- Several changes of clothing and a bag to store dirty or used clothing.
- Your charged cell phone.
- Some spending money and/or credit card.

If you are evacuating to a shelter, please limit your luggage to one bag and one backpack. Be prepared to stay for up to a week, and make sure you include the following in addition to the items listed above:

- Bedding, including pillows and blankets, or a sleeping bag.
- Your book bag with items to entertain you (books or other reading materials, battery-operated CD player or radio, cards, games or crossword puzzles).
- A packable umbrella
- Non-perishable food, snacks, beverages and dining supplies (napkins, plastic forks/spoons, can opener, etc.)
- Three-day supply of water. Plan one gallon of water per person per day.
- Flash light with batteries.
- DO NOT BRING: electrical equipment, alcohol, drugs, weapons or pets.

Individuals needing accommodations (ADA)
Contact (985)448-4783 or visit www.nicholls.edu/ada