

## **General Hurricane Preparedness Guidelines**

Although the path of Hurricane Irene is difficult to predict due to the cone of uncertainty, current indications are that the New England region may well be affected by high winds and heavy rain.

The combination of these two factors could result in street or local building flooding, downed power lines and potential damage to buildings and landscaping on and around our campus.

Members of the community should make preparations ahead of this weekend. Because regular weekday campus activities may be curtailed, service personnel levels may be reduced and contractor activities may be reduced or halted, please pay attention to the following areas of potential concern:

- Construction worksites should make sure any loose materials or structures are secure.
- Scaffolding should be checked for anchoring and integrity.
- Check rooftops and remove any debris and loose objects found.
- Windows should be closed and secured. Exterior doors should not be propped open.
- Basement and sub-basement areas should be checked for water migration if high winds and heavy rain do occur.
- Move lightweight equipment and vehicles indoors.
- Refrain from rooftop, penthouse, balcony or other outdoor elevated activity.
- The use of Tents/tarps should consider prevailing/predicted wind and rain conditions before proceeding. Prepare for the possibility of moving the event inside or issuing an event cancellation notice.
- If currents remain strong or winds rise to tropical force or higher, the community should refrain from operating watercraft or entering the water given dangerous rip tide conditions.

Your careful attention to these matters as we prepare for the upcoming weekend will be appreciated.

If you are on campus over the weekend and observe a problem related to any of the items above, please call 3-4948 to report the situation.