STAY IN THE KNOW BY:

- Signing up for campus alerts and your local county emergency alert system if they have one.
- Joining Nixle Alerts, which will also alert you to emergencies in your area.
- Learning what dangers exist in the area you live in.

PREPARATION AND KNOWLEDGE ARE KEY!

Assemble an emergency kit that can be used should you need to evacuate your home quickly. It should have:

- 3-5 days of water and non-perishable food like: snack bars, dried fruit, canned soups and stews, jerky or other dehydrated meats.
- A flashlight and fresh batteries.
- Extra clothes.
- Hand sanitizer and face masks.
- And more.

Plan at least two emergency exit routes from your off-campus residence and practice with all your roommates, and pets if you have any.

Make sure that your house or apartment is equipped with a fire extinguisher with the appropriate grade like (A) trash and wood, (B) liquid or grease or (C) electrical equipment, and make sure it is the correct size for the location.

Check fire and carbon monoxide detectors and test if they are working properly. During a power outage, unplug electrical appliances to avoid overloading circuits and to prevent fires.

If you need to evacuate, remain calm and go to a safe location or low-risk area. If you will not be returning home, notify family and friends of your location.

Follow the news and social media and always evacuate if told to do so by authorities. Remember to always check on your housemates and neighbors who may need extra assistance during an emergency situation.

During an earthquake make sure to:
- Drop and go under a sturdy object like a strong table or desk.
- Cover your head and neck with your arms.
- Hold on to the object that is shielding you from falling objects.

To learn more ways to stay safe off campus, visit readyforwildfire.org.

GET READY TO ACT!

If you smoke, make sure to do so safely outside and always put your cigarettes out in an ashtray or bucket with sand.