

WEATHER: UGA INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

UGA inclement weather policy (as of January 2005)

The university community is reminded of procedures for announcing operations changes during periods of inclement winter weather.

By policy, the university makes one of three announcements: UGA is open and operating on a regular schedule; UGA is closed; or UGA will delay opening until a specific time.

The primary means to distribute such announcements include sending an all-campus e-mail and the posting of an announcement to the UGA home page (www.uga.edu) and on the UGA Today news page (www.uga.edu/news).

Up-to-date information is provided to Athens radio stations as follows:

- * on the AM dial: 880, 960 and 1340; and
- * on the FM dial: 88.9, 90.5, 91.7, 97.9, 102.1, 103.7 and 106.1.

Information is posted on University Cable Channel 15, which also is carried on channel 15 of the Charter cable system serving Clarke and Oconee counties. Athens radio stations are used primarily because they give priority to UGA announcements where Atlanta stations cannot. Atlanta TV and radio stations that have requested to receive UGA weather announcements also are notified.

If winter weather develops overnight, every attempt is made to post announcements and notify media by 6:30 a.m. If the weather develops during the school/work day, the same procedures as above are used, as well as notice being made to the office of each vice president and dean concerning a mid-day closing, for further distribution through their departments.

When weather conditions are such that closings occur two or more days in succession, the procedure is followed each day, with an announcement being made each morning by 6:30 a.m. An evening announcement will not usually be made for the next day except in the most extreme weather circumstances.

Please be aware that when UGA is officially closed, it is closed for everyone: faculty, staff and students. Departments will designate in advance those employees who are expected to report to work during a weather emergency.

On days when the University is otherwise generally scheduled to be closed -- such as Saturdays, Sundays and holidays -- the University does not usually make blanket closing announcements. Instead, departments and units that have normal operations on weekends and holidays, or units planning to host or present special programs on those days, should make their own prior arrangements with employees and participants as to how to proceed in the case of inclement weather. This will likely best be accomplished by providing a web site or a telephone number that persons may contact for information specific to the department or event.

BE PREPARED BEFORE YOU TRAVEL, check out the weather first!....websites:

* University of Georgia Weather - Quick link to skycam views provided by the Climatology Research Lab
<http://www.uga.edu/atsc/wx/>

* Georgia State Climatology Office - housed in the University of Georgia, within the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Dept.
<http://climate.engr.uga.edu/index.html>

* Georgia Weather - weather links and detailed forecasts for Georgia and over 1500 US cities, weather cams, kid's weather, and more....
<http://www.wxusa.com/GA>

* Georgia - Local forecasts, and live GA weather cams
<http://weatherlook.net/ga.shtml>

* Local and world weather forecasts, driving forecast, auto advisor, business travel, and more...
<http://www.weather.com>

* Marine Weather <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/mob/marine.shtml>

* National Severe Weather Warnings & Weather Information Highway
http://www.fox5atlanta.com/weather/wx_links.html

* National Weather Service (active warnings)
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>

* A variety of weather links are provided in the following website:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tlh/wxhwy.html>

including:

--Government Weather Information (hurricane center bulletins, tropical weather conditions, national climate data center, and more...)

-- University Weather Services (listing of various university weather resources)

-- Regional Climate Centers (Northeast Regional Climate Center, Midwestern Climate Center, Southern Regional Climate Center, etc.)

-- Satellite Images, Weather Maps and Movies

-- World Weather (websites of National Weather Services worldwide and others)

-- Tropical Weather Links (AOML Hurricane Research Division and others)

-- Other Meteorological Information (Commercial weather providers serving the U.S., National Center for Atmospheric Research and others)