

Conservation Resource - After the Storm

Dear Friends from museums and private collections,

I am certain that you are all ready for the "Big Storm" and that your collection will be safe. If you are not aware I would like to introduce you to the National Heritage Responders (NHR) a non-profit. The NHR is a group of professionals, mainly art conservators, trained by the AIC (American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works) on collections emergency response. In case of a major disaster the professional volunteers, from all over the US, will help you to get through via phone or internet as well as send you our best professionals to help you on-site. If you have any problems or inquiries regarding your collection please do not hesitate to call our 24 hrs. hotline: (202) 661.8068 We will answer to your emergency.

Additional important information from the AIC can be found on the 2nd page of this document.

Kind regards,

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Collecting Institutions: Prepare for Hurricane Matthew

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Hurricane Matthew is expected to move north along the east coast of the U.S. later this week and into the weekend. Even if the eye of the storm remains offshore, hurricane or tropical force conditions could still impact coastal states, with Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas expected to see the effect in the coming days. Those in the storm's path should prepare for possible wind and water damage.

The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (FAIC) offers free emergency response assistance to cultural organizations impacted by the storm. Please help ensure that staff members of collecting institutions are aware of these resources in advance of Matthew's impact:

- Information on disaster recovery and salvage for impacted collections can be found online at www.conservation-us.org/disaster
- A free mobile application provides the same salvage guidance offered in the award-winning "Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel." You can download the application by visiting www.conservation-us.org/wheel
- The National Heritage Responders, a team of trained conservators and collections care professionals, are available to provide advice on the phone via a free 24-hour hotline at 202.661.8068
- National Heritage Responders are also available on conduct on-site assessments and provide guidance on salvage. Call the hotline (202.661.8068) to request assistance

Collecting institutions are encouraged to do all that you can to stabilize your collections before the storm hits, while also making sure that your response contact lists and resources are ready to use should your institution be impacted.

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