

**RESIDENT  
HURRICANE EMERGENCY  
OPERATIONS PLAN FOR  
BELLALAGO ISLES OF  
BELLALAGO**

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## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Hurricane Emergency Operations Plan for Bellalago Isles of Bellalago is to provide a plan of action and guidelines for residents and entities of Bellalago Isles of Bellalago in responding to an emergency situation, specifically hurricanes.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

This Bellalago Isles of Bellalago specific Emergency Operations plan was developed with assistance from the Safety and Security Committee and with considerations put forth in existing emergency plans, from sources such as Osceola County.

## **III. PRIORITIES**

- A. First priority is to protect human life.**
- B. Second, to prevent or minimize personal injury.**
- C. The third priority is to reduce the exposure of property to damage.**
- D. Fourth priority is to minimize damage to property that cannot be relocated.**
- E. Finally seek to restore normal operations as quickly as possible.**

## **IV. ASSUMPTIONS**

This plan is based on specific assumptions:

- A. Preparedness planning, warning, response, protection, and relief are general responsibilities of the three levels of government -- Local, State, and Federal.**
- B. Local governments and emergency response agencies may not be able to provide for all the immediate needs of the community, especially when time is critical.**
- C. Residents and others at risk will take responsibility for personal preparedness for themselves, their property, and any protective actions as advised by competent authority. This does not assume 100% participation and that compliance will occur.**

## **V. IMPLEMENTATION**

This plan provides a framework for individuals, families and internal management components to prepare their task list and emergency plan. The need for personal contingency planning is an individual responsibility and cannot be overemphasized.

Internal management consists of individuals from the BIOB Association Managers or their representatives from each of the entities listed in the Emergency Action Team. This team will meet virtually through Zoom or similar video conferencing service.

This team will be convened by the Property Manager of Bellalago Isles of Bellalago Association, who will lead the discussion and decision-making process. A succession of the Osceola Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief will round out the Chain of Command. That group, along with the Bellalago Isles of Bellalago Board President will then act as the liaisons to outside agencies, such as Osceola County Office of Emergency Management.

## **VI. EMERGENCY ACTION TEAM**

The Emergency Action Team shall consist of a representative(s) of all entities on Bellalago Isles of Bellalago. These entities are the following

- F.** Bellalago Isles of Bellalago Association
- G.** Bellalago Isles of Bellalago Club
- H.** Osceola Emergency Services
- I.** Hotwire
- J.** KUA
- K.** Duke Energy

As part of this emergency plan, we will negotiate mutual aid agreements with the above organizations. Other organizations, such as area churches, may participate as appropriate to their situation and capability.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

A link is located on Bellalago Isles of Bellalago Homeowners Association webpage (BellalagoHOA.com) under “Emergencies” which provides useful information and other links regarding evacuation information. If an evacuation is necessary, the Associations Communications Committee will post status notices on the website which will be updated as necessary with information pertinent to owners and staff throughout the storm/disaster period.

The Associations Manager coordinates answers to email as necessary. Additionally, the Association maintains a list of email addresses for most residents and can send email updates rapidly, as well as text messages. Communications during emergency periods may be limited. Under ordinary circumstances, the telephone system is the most convenient means readily available to all. Listed below are commonly used phone numbers. Other numbers and Internet sources may provide status reports and return-to-work information.

Advent Health Hospital Kissimmee	407-846-4343
American Red Cross	407-894-4141
Crisis Cleanup	844-965-1386
Duke Energy	800-777-9898
FEMA	800-621-3362
First Service Residential	866-378-1099
Florida State Assistance Information Line	800-342-3557
HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital	407-530-2000
HCA Florida Osceola Hospital (Oak St)	407-846-2266
Hotwire	800-355-5668
Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA)	407-933-7777
Osceola County Animal Services	407-742-8000
Osceola County Hurricane Hotline	407-742-0000
Osceola County Public Health	407-343-2000
Osceola County Public Works	<b>407-742-0625</b>
Osceola County Sheriff Department	911 / 407-348-2222
Osceola Emergency Management Agency	407-742-9000
Special Needs Program	407-742-9001
Toho Water Authority	407-944-5000

## VIII. DEFINITIONS

- **Storm Warning:** Winds of 55-73 mph (48-63 knots) are expected.
- **Tropical Disturbance:** A moving area of thunderstorms in the tropics.
- **Tropical Depression:** An area of low pressure, with a counterclockwise circulation of clouds and winds up to 38 mph.
- **Tropical Storm:** Counterclockwise circulation of clouds and winds from 39-73 mph. The storm is assigned a name.
- **Hurricane:** When a tropical storm reaches winds of 74 mph or more, it is classified as a hurricane.
- **Hurricane Watch:** Hurricane conditions may threaten your area within 36 hours.
- **Hurricane Warning:** A hurricane is expected to strike your area within 24 hours or less.
- **Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible in your area.
- **Tornado Warning:** Tornado detected in your area, TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY.
- **Severe Thunderstorm:** Winds more than 57 mph or hail 3/4 inch or more in diameter.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Severe thunderstorms are possible.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Severe thunderstorms have been sighted or indicated by radar.

## IX. VIOLENT STORMS

### **Introduction**

This section describes violent storms that might impact Bellalago Isles of Bellalago.

#### **A. Tornado**

- Tornadoes are frequently associated with hurricanes.
- Tornadoes may occur anywhere, at any time of the year, day or night. Frequency of occurrence is greatest from March through September, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- A tornado is a violently rotating column of air pendant from a thundercloud, usually recognized as funnel-shaped vortex accompanied by a loud roar. Wind speed varies from about 50 to over 300 mph within the funnel.
- Tornadoes usually move from southwest to northeast at a ground speed of 25 to 40 mph. (Ground speeds of over 65 mph have been recorded.)
- Tornado paths average four miles in length but may reach 300 miles. Path widths average 300-400 yards but may exceed one mile.
- Waterspouts are tornadoes located over water.
- Seek cover by sheltered location, inside/interior room (no windows) or in a ditch or covered culvert until the storm passes.
- Be alert for flying debris.



## **B. Flood**

Flooding is often associated with hurricanes. In the event of flooding, you should:

- Stay away from floodwaters as they may be contaminated. Do not walk through moving water. If you must, use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.
- Do not drive into flooded areas.
- After the flood, you should:
- Avoid moving water. Be aware that areas where flood areas have receded may have left weakened roads and bridges.
- Stay away from downed power lines; report them to the power company and PROPERTY MANAGER.
- Continue to monitor safety advisories.
- Wash your hands frequently. Dispose of food that has met floodwaters.

## **C. Lightning**

- When a thunderstorm threatens, get inside a home, a large building, or an all-metal (not convertible) automobile. Do not use the telephone except for emergencies.
- If you are caught outside, do not stand underneath a tall, isolated tree, telephone or light pole. Avoid projecting above the surrounding landscape. For example, don't stand on a hilltop. In a wooded area, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees. In open areas, or go to a low place, such as a ravine or valley.
- Avoid open water and areas containing lawn maintenance and heavy metal equipment or small metal vehicles, such as motorcycles, bicycles, golf carts, etc. Stay away from metal fences, metal pipes, and rails. If in the open in a group people, try to spread out so individuals are several yards apart from each other.
- Remember, lightning may strike several miles from the parent cloud. Precautions should be taken even though the thunderstorm is not directly overhead. If you are caught in a level field or open area far from shelter and if you feel your hair stand on end, lightning may be about to strike you. Drop to your knees and bend forward, putting your hands on your knees. Do NOT lie flat on the ground.

## D. Hurricane

### **Hurricane Introduction**

A hurricane poses a potential threat to Bellalago Isles of Bellalago. The actions/decisions listed in this plan are based upon the hurricane operating conditions (OPCONS) as defined in the Osceola County Emergency Operation Plan.

This plan provides a comprehensive listing of those actions/decisions considered necessary to prepare for the destructive impact of a hurricane.

- A. The hurricane season is June 1 through November 30.
- B. Knowledge of procedures and preparatory planning is essential to minimize the losses that can result during hazardous weather.
- C. Tornadoes and lightning typically occur in the summer months and can cause considerable damage. These phenomena develop quickly with little or no warning.
- D. Local government and the Director of Osceola County Office of Emergency Management are responsible for maintaining the emergency communication and warning system within Osceola County.
- E. The County Commission chairperson and other appropriate elected officials coordinate the general release of public information.
- F. The decision to order an evacuation (mandatory or voluntary) from a stricken or threatened area is made by the elected/appointed officials of the County and municipalities in coordination with Osceola County Office of Emergency Management.
- G. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and the NWS broadcast continuous weather information 24 hours daily. These broadcasts can be heard on the "Weather Band" of multi-band radio or special radios marketed as "Weather Receivers." Local television and radio stations provide status reports concerning conditions in our area. Osceola County Office Of Emergency Management provides an e-mail alert via Alert Osceola to subscribers who register on the home page ([https://www.osceola.org/Services/Disaster-Response-and-Preparedness/Alert-Osceola-Emergency- Notifications](https://www.osceola.org/Services/Disaster-Response-and-Preparedness/Alert-Osceola-Emergency-Notifications))

## Hurricane Characteristics

- A hurricane is technically classed as a storm of tropical origin with cyclonic wind circulation of 74 mph or greater. Rotation in the Northern Hemisphere is counterclockwise.
- Hurricane winds within the storm rotate about a calm center (known as the eye) of low atmospheric pressure. The eye averages 14 miles in diameter.
- Hurricane-force winds usually extend outward from the eye about 25-100 miles. The area of strong (gale force, 32 mph) winds may reach 500 miles in diameter.
- The early movement of a hurricane is usually westward, gradually curving to the northwest and north. Hurricanes
- Hurricanes originating in the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico frequently curve around to the northeast as do storms in the higher latitudes.
- Hurricanes' forward movement usually varies from 5 to 20 mph on westerly tracks. Ground speed normally increases as the track turns to the north or northeast. Ground speeds of 15-35 mph are not uncommon in the coastal area.
- Most hurricanes occur during the hurricane season extending from June through November. Hurricanes overall have an average life span of nine days, with a high average of 12 days during August. Action along the coast may be composed of a combination of tide, storm surge, hurricane wave, and wind-driven waves.
- Rainfall associated with a hurricane may easily average three to six inches. Greater rainfall may occur, depending on the intensity and ground speed of the system. The severity of flooding will depend on the total rainfall received, duration, topography, and degree of saturation.

## Hurricane Operating Conditions

The Osceola County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has three basic levels of activation. The Weather Service Field Office for Osceola County is in Melbourne, Florida, and provides a variety of forecast products available on its website.

- **Level 3: (Green) Monitoring Activation**  
This is the EOC's normal state. Emergency management personnel and communication staff are on duty, monitoring conditions and notifying selected staff members who need to take action as part of their regular responsibilities.
- **Level 2 (Orange) Elevated Activation**  
When the EOC moves to Level 2, all emergency management staff are notified. The EOC is staffed by emergency management personnel, necessary support staff, and outside agencies as needed to meet the operational needs of the incident.
- **Level 1 (Red) Full Activation**  
All primary and support agencies are notified. The county EOC is fully staffed by emergency management personnel, and all necessary emergency support functions are conducted, including the Executive Policy Group.

## **Bellalago Isles of Bellalago Community Messages**

The following messages are the minimal messages that should be sent, based on the situation

### **Pre-planned Communications Releases**

- **Pre-Storm Text Message:**

*“Tropical Storm/Hurricane \_\_\_ may pose a threat to Bellalago Isles of Bellalago within 48-72 hours. Review your personal evacuation plan now. Tune to area radio and television stations for official information from Osceola County officials.”*

- **Evacuation – General Text Message:**

*“A General Evacuation of Bellalago Isles of Bellalago is being recommended by local or state officials. Secure your home. Travel with care and follow advised routes. Tune to area radio and television stations for official updates and information on when to return.”*

- **Evacuation –Mandatory**

*“A Mandatory Evacuation order of Bellalago Isles of Bellalago has been issued by local or state officials. Secure your home. Travel with care and follow advised routes. Tune to area radio and television stations for official updates and information on when to return.”*

- **Return – Text Message**

*“The mandatory/general evacuation order of Bellalago Isles of Bellalago has been lifted by local or state officials. However, residents could experience significant delays due to downed power lines, tree limbs, and other debris. Residents may also encounter interruptions in electrical power, water, and phone service.”*

Local authorities officially will advise by television, radio, and other media when specific areas should be evacuated, and which American Red Cross Shelters will be opened and staffed.

**You do not have to wait for the official announcement to leave.**

## Personal Preparation Actions

This is a list of actions that should be taken by individuals for their own convenience and safety. This list is not all-inclusive only guidance.

1. Trim dead wood from trees.
2. Determine where to store pool/patio furniture and exterior decorative items.
3. If shutters do not protect windows, stock plywood or pressboard, nails and masking tape, which can be used to protect windows.
4. Take an inventory of your personal property for insurance purposes and store the inventory in a waterproof place. Consider a safe deposit box at your bank.
5. Review insurance policies and take advantage of flood insurance, making sure that you are covered for both wind and water damage.
6. Keep auto gas tank full.
7. Assemble a hurricane survival kit and store in a convenient location. This kit should include food and water for at least two weeks per person.
8. Prepare a Family Communication Plan. Your plan should include the following:
  - An out-of-town contact name, telephone number, and email address
  - The name, date of birth, social security number, and medical information of each family member
  - A listing of places you spend the most time in (work, school, daycare, etc.). Include the address, telephone number, and evacuation locations (where specified).
  - A listing of doctors and insurance policies, with policy numbers and contact numbers

If under a mandatory evacuation order, you should:

1. Act immediately, if possible. Do not get marooned.
2. Take reasonable amounts of non-perishable food.
3. Turn off appliances not needed or in service. Leave refrigerator on as long as possible.
4. Lock your home.
5. Travel with care, leave early and follow recommended routes. Avoid obstructions, wires, and downed trees. Keep listening to the radio.
6. Keep a portable radio, flashlight, and valuables with you.
7. Pack medicines, baby foods, diapers, and personal hygiene needs.
8. Bring bedding. None will be immediately available in the shelter.
9. Bring a change of clothing for each person.
10. If going to a shelter, you may not be admitted if bringing alcoholic beverages, pets, or firearms to a shelter.

## Basic Emergency Survival Kit

The following items should be contained in your basic hurricane survival kit. This same kit can be used for survival in other emergencies.

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least two weeks for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a two-week supply of nonperishable food
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and spare batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench and pliers to aid utility turn off
- Can opener for food
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Family documents, insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material - First Aid book, etc.
- Sleeping bag - one for each person
- Change of clothing including long sleeves, long pants, and sturdy shoes
- Household bleach (not scented, color safe, or with additives) and a medicine dropper. Use one-part bleach to nine parts water to disinfect or 16-drops to the gallon of water.
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, towels, and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, and puzzles or other activities for children



**X. Street Clearing Priority**

**PRIORITY ONE**

STREET/ROAD	FROM	TO
Bellalago Drive	Pleasant Hill Road	Pleasant Hill Road
Isles of Bellalago Drive	Pleasant Hill Road	Poinciana Blvd
Valley View Drive	Bellalago Drive	Bellalago Drive
Navigator Way	Isles of Bellalago Drive	Isles of Bellalago Drive
Eagle Isle Circle	Bellalago Drive	Bellalago Drive
Sunset Isles Blvd	Bellalago Drive	Bellalago Drive
Lago Vista Court	Bellalago Drive	End
Carrick Bend Drive	Bellalago Drive	End
Bowfin Trail	Bellalago Drive	Bellalago Drive

**PRIORITY TWO**

Nautic Isle Drive	Bella Isle Circle	Gulf Shore Circle
Golden Knot Drive	Bellalago Drive	End
Windlass Ct	Bellalago Drive	End
Paradiso Circle	Bellalago Drive	Bellalago Drive
Beacon Drive	Bellalago Drive	Gateway Lane
Gateway Lane	Bellalago Drive	End
Somerset Circle	Sunset Isles Blvd	End
Windward Oaks Ct	Beginning	End
Agostino Terrace	Beginning	End
Winding Trail	Beginning	End
Forest Park Drive	Beginning	End
Port Sea Place	Beginning	End
Bella Isle Circle	Beginning	End
Bougainvillea Place	Beginning	End
Gulf Shore Circle	Beginning	End

**PRIORITY THREE**

Secondary streets and Roads off major streets listed above.

## **XI. Return and Reentry**

Once the appropriate official issues the order to evacuate Bellalago Isles of Bellalago, certain actions will be required to establish continued communication for continuity. If an extended period of time is required before being able to return to property, the Property Manager will establish temporary operations at a designated site until the area is cleared and ready to accept returnees. In the event the general “all clear” is given for Kissimmee, but Bellalago Isles of Bellalago remains under an evacuation order, the property manager and team will relocate to an alternate area as warranted.