

HURRICANE PREPARATION

Homeowner/Condominium Association

HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30TH! In the event of a Hurricane watch or warning, please be prepared to do the following:

1. Turn breaker off to main electric if using generator.
2. Generator operation during emergencies (because of carbon monoxide and fire hazards) is limited to the ground floor areas, excluding patios, balconies, and breezeways. Only heavy-duty three prong extension cords should be used, and in no case will the generator be hard wired to the electrical system. Generators should be positioned near the ends of the building on the sidewalk or in the parking spaces. They are only operated between the hours of 6:00 a.m. until 10: p.m.
3. All residents (owners and renters) should take all items from patios / balcony and put them inside.
4. Benches and flower pots in breezeways, patios and balconies need to be put away or in storage.
5. **Make a disaster kit:** water, non-perishable and/or dry foods, battery powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, first aid kit, whistle or help signal, hand sanitizer, map, pet food (if necessary), etc.
6. Make an emergency plan to accommodate for everyone that you have involved (escape route, secondary shelter, etc.)
7. Fill your bath tubs with water. This can be used to flush commodes or boiled for drinking.
8. Have at least one gallon of clean water per person, per day for drinking, on hand.
9. Have an emergency two burner stove such as those made by Coleman, and two (2) cylinders of fuel for the stove. (for outdoor use only)
10. Consider obtaining a DC and AC converter for use in your car in an emergency. These come in various watt capacities and are priced from \$30.00 to \$100.00 depending on the size.
11. Have bug and hornet spray on hand for insects looking for a new home after the storm.
12. Have plenty of duct tape and at least one tarp on hand in case you need to tape over a window or door.
13. Cut a piece of PVC to fit in your sliding glass door to prevent it from opening during the storm.
14. Be sure you know where your water meter is located and your electrical cut off is and how to turn it on & off,
15. Have flashlights and plenty of batteries to operate for an extended period.
16. Have a small oscillating fan to provide some relief from the heat.
17. Consider a small gasoline generator to power your refrigerator or freezing. (outdoor use only)
18. Have two weeks of needed medications on hand.
19. As a friendly reminder, remember to check your smoke detectors in your unit, for proper function, at least twice a year.
20. **IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE AREA:**
 - Turn off all water and electricity at the meters (if applicable)
 - Leave a key with the property manager and a designated friend. Inform the Property Manager of contact.
 - Be sure your emergency data form is up to date and a telephone number where you can be reach, if possible.
 - **EMPTY YOUR REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER!**

For more detailed preparation tips and advice, please visit www.ready.gov/hurricanes
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10 Steps for Owners to Take Now

1. Take at least 2 photos of every room in the unit and the balcony to document what is in the unit.
(Be sure to turn on your date stamp on your camera)
2. Upload the photos to a cloud storage service or email them to a friend outside the area.
3. Take photos of the first page of their insurance policy declaration page and follow step 2.
4. Top off vehicle gas tanks.
5. Heed any evacuation orders and do not delay.
6. Find the location of shelters and evacuation routes in your county and other counties away from anticipated storm surge.
7. Double-Ziploc bag all of your important documents. Store them in a high cabinet if you do not evacuate. Take them with you if you evacuate.
8. Gather your disaster preparedness supplies in one area. Put the smaller items in a large zip bag (a large insulated tote works great) so you can easily grab the items and go.
9. If evacuating, unplug all electronics and appliances (except refrigerator). Remove perishable items from the refrigerator and drop your trash down the chute as you leave.
10. Let your CAM know that you have evacuated and how you can be reached until you return.