

Hurricane Preparedness Guide

Owners/Residents Responsibilities:

Prepare your unit for a hurricane as follows:

- If you are away, find a hurricane caretaker who will be responsible for preparing your unit for a hurricane.
- Register your hurricane caretaker's name with the Property Manager.
- Close and securely latch hurricane shutters, if installed on the unit.
- Unit owners must remove all furniture and decorative wall fixtures from balconies or terraces.
- Close and firmly lock all sliding glass doors and windows.
- Place towels at the inside bottom of all doors leading to balconies or terraces to limit water intrusion.
- Prepare for the loss of utility services.
- Clean bathtubs and fill with water to use for cleaning and refilling toilet as needed.
- Turn off water at master valve if you have not replaced or used your main valve recently, please turn it slowly and carefully in order to prevent possible breakage and flooding of your unit.

Evacuation Planning:

• Plan an evacuation route at the beginning of the hurricane season. When we receive orders that your home is in an evacuation area, ALL PERSONS SHOULD LEAVE YOUR HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PROCEED TO SHELTERS OR OTHER PREDETERMINED PLACES OF SAFETY.

Reminders:

- Fully fuel your vehicle prior to evacuation.
- Activate your personal emergency evacuation plan. Evacuate using your chosen route. It is best to stay at a protected dwelling inland within your county.
- If you live alone, consider "teaming-up" with a neighbor to work out an evacuation plan.
- If you must go to a shelter, stay tuned to the radio or television for shelter information shelter locations may change.
- Owners must turn off the unit's water (turn off *all* icemakers to prevent damage), empty refrigerators of *all* perishables and ice, remove furniture, etc. from the balconies or terraces, lock sliding glass doors. Remove any loose objects such as furniture and planters that are outside. Owners are also responsible for securing their unit interiors.
- Have evacuation plan for pets.
- Turn off small appliances that are not needed.
- Get extra supply of cash.
- Strongly consider the possibility of no electrical power after a hurricane or tropical storm. Power could be off for weeks with no air conditioning. Be aware of the possibility of roaming animals, insects, mold, no water or food, and emergency vehicles not being able to get through. If you choose to stay, you will be on your own.

Post Hurricane:

- Return to the property when public notification is given that it is safe to return to the area and flooding is not an issue.
- Be aware of possible downed power lines and other debris, which may pose real dangers/hazard to you and your pets.
- Be careful walking outside; be on the lookout for wild animals in the area (i.e. snakes, raccoons, alligators, etc.).

* Owners, unless absolutely necessary, please refrain from calling the Property Management Company, which drastically interferes with operations. Please rest assured we will be in contact after a storm with an assessment as soon as we are able. This may take two to five days, depending on communication and travel capabilities *

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