

2021 HURRICANE PREPARDNESS

Dear Residents:

June 1st marks the beginning of another Hurricane Season and runs until November 1st. In an effort to help bring some awareness to this topic, the following information was compiled so everyone could be better prepared if we as a community find ourselves faced with the prospects of being affected by a Hurricane this season.

We realize there is a lot of information contained here, but please take the time to review all of the attached information. Doing it now, before there is a concern, will prepare each of you, if at some point we do find ourselves involved with a storm. Proper preparation is the key to success.

As your management team, we will be securing all facilities and equipment. Depending on the level of a hurricane status the facilities may be closed until all warnings are dismissed. We will also be working closely with the landscape and irrigation contractors for cleanup. Some examples of the typical damages that commonly occur under severe storm conditions include:

- Uprooted or downed trees or landscaping
- Dislodged gutters
- Dislodged fascia and soffit
- Damaged or dislodged roof shingles
- Pool Screen damage
- Broken windows
- Water infiltration and water damage
- Lost shingles or roofing materials
- Flooding
- Damages associated with or caused by the foregoing conditions

Be Safe. With an always unpredictable hurricane season ahead of us, we hope that you will be well-prepared so that your family will come through the season safely.

We hope the information contained within these pages was informative and useful in your efforts to create your own Hurricane Plan.

Thank you,

The Lakewood National Management Team



AIR CONDITIONING / ELECTRICITY: In the event there is loss of electric, the air conditioning will shut down until power is restored. Please make sure each person in your household has a flashlight available to them for use. KEEP A FLASHLIGHT READY FOR EXITING DOWN HALLS AND STAIRCASES.

BALCONIES/LANAIS: Remove all furniture from balcony/lanai: potted plants, tables, chairs and anything affixed to the walls during a hurricane "WATCH". If you are not going to be in the residence, please make arrangements to get everything off your balcony by someone other than a member of our staff. In the event any damages are caused due to any flying object coming from your unit the unit owner will be solely responsible for any cost incurred.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Emergency services will probably not be available in a timely fashion, if at all, due to impassable roadways and they prioritize those most in need. If you have a medical condition that could warrant a need, you might want to consider other arrangements until after the storm.

EVACUATION: Mandatory evacuation, if necessary, will be mandated by the local authorities. Complete all storm preparations and follow local emergency management official's advice. In addition, fallen trees could make the roadways impassable.

ENTRY: It is possible the front entrance gate transponder system may be temporarily down after a storm. Make sure you have proper ID to enter back to your community through the gatehouse.

GUESTS: Guests should be kept at a minimal when a Hurricane Warning is issued and after the storm has passed until the building is fully operational again.

HURRICANE "WATCH": This is when conditions are possible in the specified area and can affect more than 100 miles of coastline. Evacuation zones are identified by the likelihood of being flooded by this rising water.

HURRICANE "WARNING": This is when hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning within twenty-four (24) hours of landfall. Complete all storm preparations and immediately follow local emergency management official's advice about evacuating dangerous or low-lying locations.

INSURANCE: Pictures and videos of the contents to your home/unit are crucial if you need to put in a claim to your insurance company. Also, copies of warranty booklets with model and serial numbers of your personal property should be kept with the pictures. If you are leaving your unit, it is advisable to take copies of your pictures and policies with you. In the event your local agent is not available, make sure you have a corporate headquarters office telephone number to call.



LEAVING YOUR HOME: We advise you to call family members and let them know where you are going before you leave because phone service might be out, due to high winds, by the time you get to your destination.

NON-RESIDENT OWNERS: If you are not in your residence, you need to note the following: 1. Make a plan for a relative, friend or neighbor to check your residence before and after the storm. 2. Make sure your main ball valve that closes the water to your residence is operational. Also shut off the breaker to your hot water heater. 3. Make sure the all doors, including sliding glass doors, are securely LOCKED.

PETS: Most shelters do not permit pets. Please call Manatee County at (941) 749-3500 to receive information and ask if you need to register your pet. Pets should not be left in the home unattended. Should you decide to leave the county, please make proper arrangements with your vet, kennel, friends or family to care for your pet.

POOL AND JACUZZI: The pool furniture will be stored during hurricane "WATCH". If you plan on using the pool area, we apologize for the inconvenience of not having chairs on the pool deck available. The pool will be closed during hurricane "WATCH" and will remain out of commission for at least two (2) days after the storm.

RECOVERY AFTER THE STORM: After the storm, roadways may be impassable making it impossible to return to the building. The landscaping crew, once they are able to return to work, will make a diligent effort to clear the roadways. Electricity and water may not be available. Have water on hand to carry you through until services are restored.

RETURNING TO THE PROPERTY: Please be patient; officials' priority is public safety. Listen to the local news media for possible road closures and curfews. A reoccupation order can take hours, days or even weeks depending on the severity of damage to the roads, bridges and buildings. After the order for reoccupation is issued, you will have to provide proof of residency (driver's license and/or utility bill with current community address). This is to protect your home and/or business from unwelcome visitors.

SHELTER FOR EVACUATION: The public shelters are far from comfortable. You must bring a bed roll, pillow, food for at least three meals, flash lights, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, diapers, and water for each person in your family. The supply of food is limited and might not be to your liking.

STAFF: The property manager will only be available for short period once a hurricane "WATCH" is issued. When the community is in hurricane "WARNING", all staff persons will be off premises. Key personnel will stay on a voluntary basis only and as time permits them to reach their homes safely. Please remember, the staff must secure their own homes and families. The gate company, Ramco, will continue to maintain the gate operating system as long as power is still available. In the event the community loses power the gates will remain open.

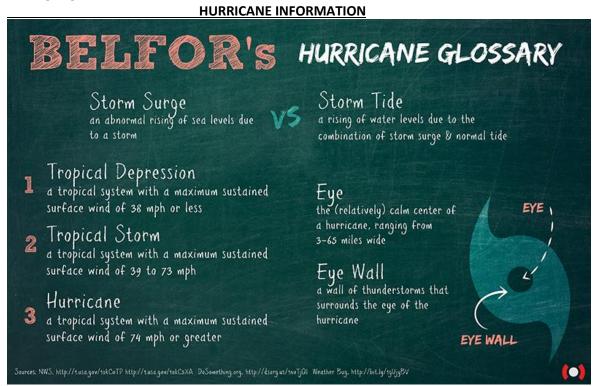


WATER: If you are staying in your unit, you might lose water pressure due to the County's lack of service or loss of electric for the pump stations. Keep at least one gallon of water per person for each day. A two-week supply is prudent. Cleaning your tub and filling it to use for cooking, washing and to flush your toilets will be important. You may also find emergency water storage containers for the tub for purchase on Amazon or home improvement stores.

CODERED ALERTS

The CodeRED Emergency Notification System provides the public with the ability to receive voice, text, and/or email notifications generated by government and public safety officials. You will receive CodeRED alerts for emergency updates such as evacuation notices; boil water advisories, weather warnings, and hazardous traffic or road conditions. You can opt to receive notifications by phone call, text or email. Sign up for CodeRED to receive notifications.

A CodeRED Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000. A CodeRED General message will have a caller ID 855-969-4636. We suggest you program both numbers in your cell phone as a "new contact" and use "CodeRED Emergency" and "CodeRED General" as the contact name. If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the message again.





STAGES OF A STORM

- Tropical Storm/Hurricane Watch: Possible within 36 hours (communicated 48 in advance by National Hurricane Center).
- Tropical Storm / Hurricane Warning: Expected within 36 hours
- Storm Surge Watch: Possibility of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline, generally within 48 hours.
- Storm Surge Warning: Danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline, generally within 36 hours.

SAFFIR-SIMPSON SCALE

Category 1: Sustained winds of 74-95 mph Category 2: Sustained winds of 96-110 mph Category 3: Sustained winds of 111-130 mph Category 4: Sustained winds of 131-155 mph Category 5: Sustained winds of 155 + mph

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

The Nearest Shelter for Lakewood National is McNeal Elementary School; for a full list of Manatee County Shelters and their current status, along with other information, <u>click here</u>.

- Shelter openings vary with each emergency. These shelters are hurricane evacuation shelters, not tornado shelters, cold weather shelters or flood shelters.
- Stay tuned to local media to determine which shelters are open. Shelters only open when all other local resources are expected to be expended.
- Be aware of which shelters are pet friendly. If you plan to go to a pet-friendly shelter, please be familiar with the Pet Requirements for Shelters (below) in advance.
- Sign up for the <u>Special Needs Registry</u> if you do not have transportation to get to a shelter and will need assistance.
- Public shelters should be a last option. It is always recommended to stay with family and friends if possible when you're told to evacuate.
- Do not go to the shelter until local officials announce, through the media, that the shelter is open.



WHAT TO BRING TO THE SHELTER

In addition to your emergency supplies (food, water, medicine, flashlights, batteries, first aid kit, etc.), the following are good items to bring with you if you must evacuate to a shelter:

- Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags or air mattresses
- Extra clothing, shoes, eyeglasses, hearing aids (and batteries), etc.
- Personal toiletries, towels
- Folding chairs, lawn chairs or cots
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Quiet games, books, playing cards and favorite toys for children
- Important papers and irreplaceable keepsakes (driver's license, special medical information, insurance policies and property inventories, photographs)

PET SHELTER REQUIREMENTS

Pet sheltering requirements and rules are important during disaster situations. Your cooperation in making a pet friendly shelter environment enjoyable is appreciated.

- Pet(s) must arrive with a carrier or cage. Cages will not be available on site.
- Pet(s) must remain in carrier (except at scheduled exercise times).
- Owners must provide pet food and other pet supplies as needed.
- Owners must provide certification that pet(s) are current with rabies vaccination
- Owners will not permit other shelter occupants to handle or approach pet(s).
- Owners are responsible for the care, feeding and handling of their own pet(s).

PET SURVIVAL KIT FOR PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS

- Proper ID collar and rabies license tag
- Carrier or cage
- Water and food bowls
- Medications
- Food supply to last about three days
- Special care instructions
- Newspapers/plastic bags for waste disposal
- Toys and comfort items
- Muzzles, if necessary
- First aid supplies
- Manual can opener



Proper ID on all belongings

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Per <u>Florida State Statute 252.358</u>, during a state of emergency, health insurers, managed care organizations, and other licensed entities shall waive time restrictions on prescription medication refills to allow refills in advance.

BUILD A DISASTER KIT

REPLENISH FOR FRESHNESS

- Up-to-date list of family medicines and dosages, along with doctor and pharmacy phone numbers, and a two-week supply of prescription medicines.
- Enough non-perishable food to feed your family and pets for three to seven days. Special dietary foods or baby food and formula, if needed. Replenish every six months.
- One gallon of drinking water per person, per day, plus water for cooking and washing (minimum seven days). Stock up on a few cases of bottled waters at your home and/or workplace in the event that there is a "boil water" order.
- Extra batteries for a camera, flashlight, radio, portable TV, lamp, etc.
- Infant items (medicine, sterile water, diapers, ready formula, bottles), if needed.

STOW UNTIL NEEDED

- First aid kit including bandages, antiseptic, tape, compresses, aspirin and aspirin-free pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, and important phone numbers.
- Flashlights and batteries for each family member
- Portable radio and batteries
- Non-electric can opener
- Fire extinguisher (small canister, ABC type)
- Instant tire sealer
- Whistle and/or distress flag
- Mosquito repellent
- Sunscreen
- Plastic tarp, screening, tools, and nails, etc.
- Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine (plain) and iodine)
- Plastic trash bags
- Clean-up supplies (mop, buckets, towels, disinfectant)
- Garbage can or bucket with tight-fitting lid and cat litter (emergency toilet)
- Toilet paper, paper towels, and pre-moistened towelettes or baby wipes

ITEMS FOR BEFORE & AFTER A STORM



- Emergency charger for cell phones and other devices (consider a solar powered alternative)
- An old-fashioned corded telephone that does not require electricity (i.e. not a cordless phone or cell phone)
- Cash (with no power, banks may be closed; checks and credit cards may not be accepted, and ATMs may not be operational)
- Charcoal, matches, and grill (do not use indoors)
- Fuel
- Ice chest / cooler and ice

BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER HURRICANE WATCHES AND WARNGINGS

BEFORE THE STORM

- Take down and bring in any signs, tables, garbage cans, plants, furniture, umbrellas, and other loose and/or unsecured structures from outdoors.
- Fill Prescriptions.
- Fill vehicle gas tanks.
- Unplug TV/computer and bring antenna and satellite dish inside.
- Move furniture and electronics away from windows and cover with plastic.
- Turn refrigerator to its coolest setting
- Place valuables in waterproof containers and store in high place.

DURING THE STORM

- Stay indoors until the eye of the storm has passed.
- Watch local news or listen to the radio for weather updates.
- Turn off circuit breakers, but leave one on so you know when power is restored.
- Use flashlights, not candles or kerosene lamps, as your light source.
- Stay in your safe room.
- Keep children informed about what is happening and watch for signs of stress.
- Keep animals in their carriers.
- Use the phone only for urgent calls.
- Go to a lower floor if you live in a tall building.

AFTER THE STORM

- Be safe and keep your guard up even after a storm passes with these tips:
- Listen to media announcements for information on when your waste collection service will resume.



- Place large piles of debris on the right-of-way of your property away from fences, mailboxes, drains, power lines and low-hanging wires.
- Don't place debris on any green spaces.
- Check local media advisories for information on the resumption of waste collection services.
- If your garbage or recycling cart is lost or damaged during a hurricane, it is your responsibility to ask for a replacement.
- Be patient. Be careful. Cleanup after a storm can take time.

PORTABLE GENERATORS

DO

- Inspect all cords and wires that you plan to plug into your generator to make sure that they aren't frayed or in poor condition.
- Always use heavy duty, grounded extension cords
- Use fresh gasoline to power your generator.

DON'T

- Don't run your generator indoors or in a garage.
- Don't refill your gas supply while the generator is turned on and running.
- Don't allow your generator to run when exposed to rain.