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HARBOUR ISLE EAST RESIDENT HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PROCEDURES

Hurricane Season is from June 1 - November 30. Each resident is recommended to have their **own procedures** in place. The Harbour Isle East Condo Association has prepared some TIPS to get you started.

STORM ALERT

This **ALERT** is issued by local & national weather stations when a severe storm poses a possible threat to our area within 48 to 72 hours. We suggest you monitor your TV and Radio stations for any up to date information.

HURRICANE WATCH

A **HURRICANE WATCH** is issued for a coastal area when there is a threat of severe weather conditions within 36 hours. It is each individual's responsibility to monitor conditions and decide what action to take.

HURRICANE WARNING

A **HURRICANE WARNING** is issued by the National Weather Service when a hurricane is **EXPECTED** to strike the area within 24 hours. Winds will be 74 MPH or greater & tides could be 7-9 feet. In addition, a severe tidal surge can be expected. During this time, final action **MUST** be taken to prepare for evacuation. Orders will be given by the St. Lucie County of Emergency Management or the Indian River County Office Emergency Management on when to evacuate. **REMEMBER WE ARE ON A BARRIER ISLAND, roads will be jammed don't wait until the last moment to leave.**

SUGGESTED ACTIONS/ITEMS THAT RESIDENTS SHOULD CONSIDER IN PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE SEASON.

Secure a re-entry pass from the Ft. Pierce Sheriff's Office at 4700 W. Midway road for access to Hutchinson Island. Proof of property ownership is required. Accepted forms of ID are Florida driver's license or copies of electric or phone bill with your name.

- Keep your car(s) gas tank filled. Service station may go out of gas or lines will be long.
- Keep flashlights, candles, battery powered radio, extra batteries, sufficient drinking water and non-perishable food in **your unit** to last for three (3) to seven (7) days for each person in case you are unable to evacuate and are required to stay.

- Call your relatives and friends and advise them of your plans. Confirm with them that you have returned safely.
- Store valuables and all **original** documents off-site. A **safe deposit box** at a local bank is recommended.

A GRAB & GO BOX for Documents. What should it contain?

1. Will(s) or trust agreement(s)
2. Insurance policies
3. List of checking/savings account numbers
4. Emergency cash
5. Recent tax return
6. Safety deposit key(s)
7. List of all prescription drugs for the family or guests
8. List of credit card numbers and phone numbers of vendors
9. Copy of Driver's license(s)
10. Copy of social security card(s)
11. Current bills
12. Birth/marriage certificate(s)
13. Power of attorney
14. Contact list of friends, heirs, and advisors should something happen to you
15. Investment statements
16. Extra prescription drugs

AN OVERNIGHT SUITCASE WITH YOU PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 DAYS MAX 7 DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE STORM.

WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED YOU SHOULD HAVE

- Moved everything outside of your unit indoors including outdoor furniture, plants, floor mats, pots. Everything becomes a flying bullet during a storm.
- Turned off your hot and cold-water supply to the unit. Shutting off the individual water supply is also a great idea.
- Emptied ice from freezer and shut off the ice maker.
- Removed anything perishable from the refrigerator and all items from your freezer.

- Leave phone numbers on your kitchen counter where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Fill all bath tubs with water for potable use until city water service has been re-activated.
- Un-plug all electrical appliances including TV's, computers, cable lines, etc.

During Hurricane season it would be good to keep frozen supplies to a 1 wk. min. This would save frozen food loss.

EVACUATION

The Office of Emergency Management or other official government agencies are authorized to mandate evacuation orders. Once the orders are issued then the Property Management Company will finalize the shutdown of all HIE facilities in order to make **SAFE** the buildings and common area.

Elevators may not be operable as Power and water could be lost at any time.

WHERE CAN YOU GO

All shelters are not open at the same time. Information will be provided on TV or the local radio stations. Listen to them for more detailed instructions on locations, times and points of access. The Health Department of St. Lucie County operates a shelter located at the **Civic Center, 25th St. and Virginia Avenue**. Other shelter locations can be the Middle School and High School. Listen to the radio for details.

Most shelters have first aid personnel on site.

All public shelters are safe refuge during a hurricane. The American Red Cross is usually operating these facilities. Assistance is provided. What you should bring.

- pillow, blanket or sleeping bag
- towels, soap
- lots of reading material
- folding chair, playing cards
- radio, change of clothes
- flashlight, extra batteries
- non-perishable food and water

If you chose not to stay in a local emergency shelter there are many hotels and motels outside our area. Travel in the direction away from the storm preferably inland like to Orlando. Hotels will fill up fast. Make a reservation by credit card to assure a guaranteed stay. **REMEMBER MANY PEOPLE WILL BE TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION. THE ROADS WILL BE CROWDED, GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME. RETURNING TO HARBOUR ISLE EAST**

Once the storm has passed and the office of Emergency Management has issued orders for a safe return access might be on a limited basis. Here are some steps to follow:

- Go to the Association website for accurate and current information.
www.harbourisleeast.com
- Information will be posted as soon as the association has access to the property and has assessed damages etc.
- Check the bulletin boards for specific instructions regarding available utilities, damages, etc.
- Check your unit and report all damages to the Association Office or a Board Member. All off site property owners should make arrangements to check their units as quickly as possible for any damage.