



# AQUARIUS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## HURRICANE PREPARATION

Date: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Residents and Unit Owners,

June 1<sup>st</sup> marks the official start of the Hurricane Season. Preparation and awareness are key elements in getting through a tropical storm safely. Now is the time to plan for the upcoming six months.

- Insurance - We strongly encourage you to obtain individual Homeowners or Renters insurance that works in concert with the Association's Master Policy. Our agent or yours can offer the appropriate coverage to maintain in the event of damage and loss from wind, rain or flooding. As stated in your lease agreement or condominium documents, a resident or unit owner is responsible for their personal belongings, contents, including their automobiles in the event of a loss.
- Exterior Storm Preparation - Remove all items from your balcony or patio including furniture, plants, and satellite dishes. If you are a seasonal resident, we strongly recommend that you bring all your exterior items indoors prior to leaving the area for the season, or designate a responsible person to remove these items in your absence.

In the event of an approaching tropical storm, Management will distribute a HURRICANE WARNING letter outlining additional precautions, keep you informed on storm tracking, and provide local emergency contacts.

The property is not a designated hurricane shelter. Many basic services may be limited or unavailable, including non-emergency electricity, water, and elevator service. Staffing may be reduced or withdrawn for safety during the storm. Depending on the severity of the storms' strike, it may be several days before operations return to normal after a tropical event. Carefully consider the following when making plans:

If a resident decides to stay in their home during a storm it is solely their risk and responsibility. It is recommended however, to obtain a 3 -7 day supply of bottled water and non-perishable food for the entire family, including pets, a manual can opener, a flashlight with extra batteries, emergency supplies of medications, mosquito repellant, a basic first aid kit and a battery operated radio. We recommend purchasing these items early, as food and water supplies diminish rapidly once a storm is announced. Complete hurricane guides with more detailed information are usually available at your local grocery store.

We stand ready to assist you. Very truly yours,

David Slavin, Property Manager, Aquarius Condominium Association

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

National Hurricane Center – 305.229.4470

National Weather Service – 305.229.4522

When in doubt, always call 911

Local Fire Department (non-emergencies) –

- Hollywood Fire department – 954.967.4248

Local Police Department (non-emergencies) –

- Hollywood Police Department – 954.967.4357

American Red Cross

- Broward County – 954.797.3800
- Dade County – 305.644.1200

Local Emergency Management Agency –

- Broward County – 954.831.4000 or 411
- Miami-Dade County – 305.644.1200

Other Important Numbers (non-emergencies) –

- Hollywood Emergency Operations Center - 954.967.4EOC (4362)
- Hollywood Dept. Of Public works – 954.967.4526
- Broward American Red Cross - 954.797.3800
- Broward County Emergency Management Hurricane Hotline - 954.831.4000 or 3-1-1
- Broward County Special Needs Registry - 954.357.6385 / TTY 954.357.5608
- Humane Society of Broward County Pet Hotline - 954.989.3977
- Special Needs Registry – 954.537.2888
- FEMA Hotline - 800.621.3362
- State Attorney General's Office Price Gouging Hotline - 866.966.7226
- Florida Division of Insurance Consumer Hotline - 800.342.2762
- AT&T / Bellsouth, Repairs - 877.737.2478
- Florida Power & Light - 800.468.8243
- Price Gouging Hotline – 1.866.966.7226
- Consumer Hotline – 1.800.342.2762

## **HURRICANE SEASON - TOP 10 TO KNOW LIST**

1. **PREPARE A PLAN OF ACTION** to ensure that everyone knows what to do.
2. **HURRICANE KITS** should be refreshed with non-perishable foods and bottled water. Check batteries in clocks, flashlights, and radios. Check first aid kits. Keep photo identification, important documents, medication, and additional cash handy, wrapped in zip-lock plastic bags. Don't forget toiletries, mosquito repellent and a **manual can opener**.
3. **OWNERS NOT IN RESIDENCE** make arrangements with a designated person(s) to remove all furniture and plants from balconies, close storm shutters (if installed), and transport automobiles to a secure location inland. All owners should have Apartment keys in the safe of the Management Office. Make sure Management Office has current keys. This is mandatory. This will allow to double check shutters are properly closed and any other preventive measure when you are away.
4. **TRAVEL PLANS / EVACUATION CENTERS** and/or suitable **HOTELS** should be identified a minimum of one (1) week in advance of an Evacuation Order. Locate boarding kennels for pets. Visit the webs site: [www.PetsWelcome.com](http://www.PetsWelcome.com)
5. **A HURRICANE WATCH** is issued when hurricane conditions are possible usually within 36 hours. **Prepare for an Evacuation Order**. Confirm with Property Management if you think your home is located in a mandatory evacuation zone. Residents need to seek safe shelter inland, away from coastal areas.
6. **A HURRICANE WARNING** is issued when hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours. Prepare to Evacuate if your home is located in a Mandatory Evacuation or Flood Zone.
7. **WHEN AN EVACUATION ORDER** is issued by OEM for your area with 35-40 mph sustained winds, Police Departments and All Emergency Services may also evacuate at that time; therefore, emergency services would not be available.
8. **ELEVATORS** are typically taken out of service in condominiums and high-rise buildings. They are usually locked off on a higher floor because of possible storm surges.
9. **CONDOMINIUM & RENTAL PROPERTY/ PROPERTY EMPLOYEE(S)** will not be available after an Evacuation Order is received for your area. Remember, employees need to also secure their own homes and properties.
10. **AFTER THE HURRICANE** – listen to radio and TV broadcasts or NOAA weather radio reports for information on when it is safe to return to your respective area. Emergency telephone numbers are attached.