



## BE PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON

June 1 - November 30, 2018

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Hurricane Season is here. We ask residents and property owners to prepare by formulating a hurricane action plan that includes family members and pets.

Several of our properties are located in mandatory Hurricane Evacuation Zones. Know where to evacuate should the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in your county give an evacuation order. Be aware that basic services (electricity, telephone, police, and fire rescue) may not be available. Plan to relocate inland or out of town. When you have identified a safe evacuation location, notify Property Management of your alternate contact information so that we can inform you when it is safe to return home.

### PREPARE A PERSONAL EVACUATION PLAN

- If you are out of town during Hurricane Season, identify an individual(s) (other than Property Management Employees) who will secure your home prior to a storm. Notify that person of their responsibility.
- Prior to departing your home for the summer months, move all outdoor furnishings inside.
- Ensure you have sufficient Homeowners or Renters Insurance if applicable to handle repairs in the event of damages or loss to your residence. Contact your insurance agent.
- Identify where you will stay PRIOR to an OEM evacuation order: hotel, friend's home, out of town; and find shelters for pets. ([www.PetsWelcome.com](http://www.PetsWelcome.com))
- Once an Evacuation Order is issued, all property employees will also be required to evacuate.
- Keep telephone numbers of important persons and places handy, including a State road map.
- Listen for up-to-date information on local Radio and Television broadcasts.

**HURRICANE WATCH** - Issued within 36 hours of when hurricane conditions are expected.

### WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED

- Listen to local Radio and TV broadcasts or NOAA weather radio reports for storm information.
- Bring patio furniture indoors, close hurricane shutters (*if installed*) and contact your hurricane designated person.
- Fill your gas tank and move your vehicle if you are in a Flood Zone.
- Check radio batteries and stock up on first aid supplies, canned foods, a manual can opener, drinking water, medications, extra cash, and an automobile cell phone charger.

**HURRICANE WARNING** - Issued within 24 hours of when hurricane conditions are expected.

### WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

- Listen to local news broadcasts for a 'Mandatory Evacuation Order'.
- When the 'Order' is received - Evacuate immediately.
- If you are caught indoors during a hurricane, stay away from windows and move to the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.
- Be alert for tornadoes that spawn during the storm, and stay away from floodwaters, which may have hidden dangers including downed power lines.



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- Be aware of the storm's 'eye'- A period of deceptive calm during the storm which is usually followed by additional hurricane force winds.

### 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.
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. **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.
9. **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.

