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Happy 4th of July weekend!

While we prepare to grill out and celebrate our independence, we would also like to take a moment to remind you to keep an eye on the weather the next few days as well as prepare for this hurricane season.



The safety and welfare of our residents is very important to us so we would like to take this opportunity to share some guidelines to help you prepare for a storm. We feel it is important to plan an emergency strategy ahead of time and discuss it with all members of your household to avoid confusion if/when the time comes.

with your insurance coverage, build a basic survival kit, and make an evacuation plan well before a storm arrives. Below is not an all-inclusive list, but guidelines to help you prepare.

Securing Your Home

- Make sure your address number is clearly marked on your home
- Put away any outside furniture and items that can become airborne (i.e. plants, grills, bicycles, flags, etc.)
- Trim dead or broken branches and dispose of them properly.
- Secure any loose roofing and siding.
- Check and secure all of your home's tie-downs.
- Unplug electronics including televisions and computers. Back-up important computer files and store them in a safe place.
- Record contents of your home – video or pictures (and store in a safe place)
- Close and lock all windows and close all blinds, shades and drapes.
- Remove heavy or valuable wall hangings and place them on the floor.
- Fill the bathtub with water for later use for drinking and/or flushing toilets
- When making an evacuation plan, consider the time it takes to get family members with special needs and pets out of the home.
- If you evacuate your home, turn off the water at the main valve, turn off electricity to the hot water heater, turn off the air conditioner at the thermostat and lock all doors.

Basic Survival Kit

Note: the list below is a broad list and includes non-perishable items

- Drinking water. Have at least one gallon per person per day for two weeks.
- Cash. Obtain cash from an ATM prior to storm's arrival.
- Prescription medications. Try to have at least a four-week supply if possible.
- Flashlights for each person in the home
- Portable radio and batteries
- First-aid book and kit
- Two coolers. One for food, the other for ice.
- Plastic tarp for roof or window repair, screening, garbage bags and tools.
- Pets – Pet food and medications
- Fill all vehicles with gas. In the event of loss of electricity, gas pumps will not operate.

Last-Minute Items to Pack if You Evacuate/Leave

Please note that the Community's Clubhouse will NOT be open to be used as a storm shelter during or after the storm as it is not a certified shelter. Please make necessary arrangements should you need to leave/evacuate.

- Keep up-to-date on local evacuation orders and updates.
- Each person in your group should have a backpack in which to carry their own personal items. These are items that don't need to be packed in advance, but should be able to be assembled fairly quickly.
- Cash. With no power, banks may temporarily close, checks and cards may not be accepted, and ATM's may not be in operation.
- Prescription medications. Try to have at least a four-week supply if possible.
- Fully charged cell phone
- Flashlight plus batteries

photos for identification purposes if you become separated.
- Bottles of water
- Sleeping gear with toiletries. Pillows, blankets, sleeping bag, air mattress or cots.
- Clothing, shoes, an extra pair of eyeglasses.
- Pets – pet food/medication/leash/water/records.
- A favorite book to read

During the Storm

- Stay indoors! If the calm eye of the storm passes through the area, continue to stay indoors unless it is absolutely necessary to leave.
- Loss of electricity. Turn off or unplug all appliances (i.e. stove, iron, curling irons, blow dryers, etc.) Use flashlights instead of candles and kerosene lamps.
- Conserve refrigeration. Turn temperature to coldest setting and open the refrigerator/freezer door as little as possible.

After the Storm

- If you vacated your home prior to the storm, before returning, check with your local authorities to determine the condition of the roads and surrounding area.
- Beware of outdoor hazards. Watch out for loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the proper authority.
- Walk or drive cautiously. Debris-filled streets are very dangerous.
- Do not use water until authorities have issued the area to be a “safe water area.” Use the emergency supply in the tub or boil water. Report broken

- Notify your insurance carrier in the event of losses and where you may be reached.
- Wipe all moisture from windows and doors.

If you have an emergency during or after the storm, please call 911. Should you have any non-emergency items that need to be addressed, please contact your community manager.

We wish you all a safe and well-prepared Hurricane Season

Thank you,

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