# St. Croix at Pelican Marsh Condominium Association Emergency Planning



# Resident's Guide 2023

### Hurricane Preparation

Dear Residents,

Hurricane season begins on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will end on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The coast of Southwest Florida can be threatened any time during this season. The information provided herein will help you prepare for a tropical storm or hurricane emergency. Please take the time to read this information carefully.

The following are some useful definitions:

- a. Hurricane watch means a hurricane may threaten an area within 48 hours.
- b. **Hurricane warning** means hurricane force winds are expected to strike the area within 36 hours or less.
- c. Tropical depression has winds of less than 39 miles per hour or 34 knots.
- d. **Tropical storm** has winds from 39 to 73 miles per hour or 34 to 63 knots.
- e. Hurricane has winds greater than 74 miles per hour or 64 knots.

#### Also, here are some useful links to begin your preparations.

Disaster preparation and recovery link: <a href="https://disaster.ifas.ufl.edu/">https://disaster.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>

Florida Special Needs Registry link is: <u>https://snr.flhealthresponse.com/</u>

Collier County Hurricane Preparedness site (utilities):

https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/public-utilities/solid-hazardous-waste/hurricanepreparedness

Lee County Emergency Management link: https://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/hcportal

### In the event of a category 1-5 hurricane, we urge you to evacuate.

Scale Number (Category)	Sustained Winds	Level of Damage
1	74-95	<ul> <li><u>Very dangerous winds will produce some damage</u></li> <li>Minor damage to exterior of homes</li> <li>Toppled tree branches, uprooting of smaller trees</li> <li>Extensive damage to power lines, power outages</li> </ul>
2	96-110	<ul> <li>Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage</li> <li>Major damage to exterior of homes</li> <li>Uprooting of small trees and many roads blocked</li> <li>Guaranteed power outages for long periods of time – days to weeks</li> </ul>
3	111-129	<ul> <li>Devastating damage will occur</li> <li>Extensive damage to exterior of homes</li> <li>Many trees uprooted and many roads blocked</li> <li>Extremely limited availability of water and electricity</li> </ul>
4	130-156	<ul> <li>Catastrophic damage will occur</li> <li>Loss of roof structure and/or some exterior walls</li> <li>Most trees uprooted and most power lines down</li> <li>Isolated residential due to debris piles</li> <li>Power outages lasting for weeks to months</li> </ul>
5	157 or higher	<ul> <li>Catastrophic damage will occur</li> <li>A high percentage of homes will be destroyed</li> <li>Fallen trees and power lines isolate residential areas</li> <li>Power outages lasting for weeks to months</li> <li>Most areas will be uninhabitable</li> </ul>

### **Routine Preparation**

#### **Resident Routine Preparation**

- Obtain a Local Hurricane Guide: Most municipalities in Florida produce hurricane preparedness guides that include evacuation plans, shelter locations, important contact numbers, survival kit recommendations, and more.
- **Update Your Contact Information**: Unit owners and residents should make sure that the association has their accurate phone number, address and email address.
- Hurricane Shutters, Windows, Doors: Unit owners should consider installing hurricane shutters where applicable.
- Disabled Resident Assistance: Any residents that would need assistance in the event of an evacuation should inform the association and also reach out to their city and/ or county to sign up for emergency aide. Florida Special Needs Registry Link: https://snr.flhealthresponse.com.
- Photograph Your Home and Valuables: It is worthwhile for every unit owner or resident to photograph their condominium to capture on film all of the personal property within a unit. After a storm, this can be a helpful way to identify items that are missing.
- Create a Survival Kit: Keep a survival kit in your home that you can grab in the event of an evacuation. A survival kit should include, at a minimum, fresh water supply, batteries, canned goods, proper identification, important documentation (e.g., birth certificates, social security cards, insurance policies), proof of ownership of your condominium (possibly necessary to get back onto the condominium property after a severe storm where major damage was sustained), cash, and medications.
- Learn about FEMA: Unit owners should familiarize themselves with FEMA's Individuals and Households Program, which provides assistance to people whose property has been damaged or destroyed. Their contact is www.Fema.gov or 1-800-621-3362.

### After the Issuance of a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning

### Resident "To Do" List

- <u>Clear Patios & Balconies</u>: Residents should bring any personal property on lots inside, away from windows and sliding doors.
- **<u>Stay Tuned</u>**: Keep the radio or TV tuned to emergency frequencies, the local news, or the weather channel for regular updates.
- Establish an Evacuation Plan: Residents should know their community's evacuation zone, where they
  will go once an evacuation is required and the location of the nearest shelters (including if the shelter
  accepts pets see www.floridapets.net). Open shelters can be found by calling 239-252-8444 or 311
  on your cell.
- <u>Charge Your Electronics</u>: All residents should charge cell phone, camera and laptop batteries and consider purchasing backup batteries.
- Prepare Your Vehicle: Residents should fill up their cars with gas and check tire pressure. The sooner this is done the better, as lines at gas stations tend to get longer as the storm approaches.
- **Fill Your Bathtub:** Consider storing drinking water in large containers or in the bathtub, as tap water may not be safe to drink for some time after the storm.
- **<u>Check All Faucets</u>**: Determine that all faucets are in the closed position.

- Set Freezer & Fridge to Coldest Settings: Residents should set their freezer and refrigerator to the coolest setting to protect food for as long as possible in the event that electricity is lost. It is prudent to have several days' worth of food on hand that does not require refrigeration.
- Protect Personal Property: Residents should consider moving valuable items away from windows and doors. A supply of towels should be kept on hand to address any water entry during the storm.

### After an Evacuation Order is Issued

### Resident "To Do" List

- **Traffic Check:** Residents should check local evacuation routes to determine which the best option and leave as quickly as possible.
- **<u>Refrigerator and Freezer Clean Out:</u>** To avoid rotting food if power is lost, refrigerators and freezers should be cleaned out prior to evacuation.
- <u>Unplug Electronics & Appliances</u>: Turn off and unplug any computers, printers, routers, coffee makers, and other appliances or electronics. If possible, remove electronics from the floor and place them in the highest available location.
- <u>Water Shut Off</u>: Residents should shut off the unit's main water source.
- <u>Electricity Shut Off:</u> Residents should turn off the electricity prior to leaving using the breaker panels in their units.

### After a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Has Passed

### Resident "To Do" List

- <u>Returning to the Property</u>: Prior to returning to the property, residents should obtain the "go ahead" from local authorities and the association. Once it is safe to return to the property, the association should inform residents via email or the community's website.
- <u>Proceed with Caution</u>: Returning to a damaged property can be dangerous. Local government generally provides guidance on things to consider when returning after a storm in their hurricane/emergency guides.

<u>Out of Town or on Vacation:</u> If you do not reside in residence during hurricane season, many of the precautions listed above should be taken prior to leaving the unit for extended periods. Make arrangements for someone to make emergency preparations ahead of time. Implement as many precautions as practical before you leave. Be Prepared!



### DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST 📈

### General



be available after a storm

Cell phone chargers

Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

### **Phone Numbers**

Maintain a list of important phone numbers including: County emergency

management office. evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts. friends and family

### Clothing

Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots

Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

### **Special Needs Items**

Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

### **First Aid**

- First Aid Manual Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- Sterile gauze pads
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Triangular bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Sewing needle
- Moistened towellettes
- Antiseptic
- **Disinfectant wipes**
- Hand sanitizer
- Thermometer
- Tube of petroleum jelly
- Safety pins
- Soap
- Latex gloves
- ΓL Sunscreen
- Aspirin or other pain reliever
  - Anti-diarrheal medicine
  - Antacid
  - Laxative
  - Cotton balls
  - O-tips

### **Food and Water**

Food

Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days

- Water
  - 1 gallon per person per day
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Plastic cups
- Utensils

Important Documents		
<ul> <li>Insurance cards</li> <li>Medical records</li> <li>Banking information</li> <li>Credit card numbers</li> <li>Copies of social security cards</li> <li>Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates</li> <li>Other personal documents</li> <li>Set of car, house, and office keys</li> <li>Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership</li> <li>Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage</li> <li>Copy of Will</li> </ul>		
*Items should be kept in a water proof container		
Vehicle		
Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline		

**Pet Care Items** 

Pet food and water to last at least 7 days Proper identification Medical records/microchip information A carrier or cage Muzzle and leash Water and food bowls Medications Supplies for your service animal

Find more disaster preparedness tips at FloridaDisaster.org

### PET SAFETY HURRICANE CHECKLIST

**BEFORE THE STORM**: Remain Calm, Stay Informed and Be Prepared. The calmer you are, the less stressed your pet will be.

### TO DO LIST:

Get pet emergency stickers Microchip your pets (hoose an alternate caregiver Download ASP(A mobile APP Keep up heartworm prevention Store vet info in your phone Be prepared to evacuate Gather hurricane supplies



Photos of your pets (printed and on your phone)

Copies of pet medical records (printed and online or stored in an app)

FOR EVACUATING:

- Disposable litter box
  - Food dishes and water bowls
- Travel dog crate

### **HURRICANE KIT SUPPLIES**



**AFTER THE STORM:** Don't lose hope if you become separated from your pet. Remain calm if your pet is injured. Use your first aid kit and call a vet.





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## **SEPARATING STORM DEBRIS**



Separate storm debris into the SIX CATEGORIES shown here.

