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OWNER HURRICANE PREPARATION POLICY

HURRICANE DEFINITIONS

- ❖ **Hurricane** – A pronounced low-pressure circulation with highest sustained winds of 74 mph or more.
- ❖ **Hurricane Warning** – Hurricane conditions (winds of 74mph or more) are *expected* within 24 hours.
- ❖ **Hurricane Watch** – Hurricane conditions (winds of 74mph or more) are *possible* within 36 hours.
- ❖ **Storm Surge** – An abnormal rise in sea level accompanying a hurricane or other intense storm.
- ❖ **Tropical Storm** – A low pressure circulation with highest sustained of 39-73 mph.
- ❖ **Tropical Storm Warning** – Tropical storm conditions, including winds of 39-73 mph, are *expected* within 24 hours.
- ❖ **Tropical Storm Watch** – Tropical storm conditions, including winds of 39-73 mph, are *possible* within 36 hours.



HURRICANE STRENGTH

Category	Winds MPH	Surge Heights	Damage
1	74-95	4 - 5 ft.	Minimal; damage to trees, balcony/lawn furniture, screen enclosures and unanchored mobile homes.
2	96-110	6 - 8 ft	Moderate; damage to some roofs, doors and windows, balcony/lawn furniture destroyed.
3	111-130	9 – 12 ft.	Extensive; damage to small residences, large trees down, mobile homes destroyed.
4	131-155	13 – 18 ft.	Extreme; complete roof failure on small residences, extensive damage to doors and windows.
5	156+	18+ ft.	Catastrophic; complete building failures, major damage to lower floors of structures within 500 yards of shoreline.

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PHASE I

WHEN A “HURRICANE WATCH” HAS BEEN ISSUED:

- Make certain you have an ample supply of potable drinking water (one gallon per person per day, minimum 3-day supply of water per person).
- Make certain you have an ample supply of food, utensils and can opener (minimum 3-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration and needs little or no water to prepare).
- Gather additional supplies such as flashlights, batteries, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, prescribed medication, insect repellent, sanitation supplies, clothing and bedding/blankets, small tool box and any other items that may be considered necessary for survival and comfort. All of these items would be considered necessary if you will be staying in Southwest Florida, as the entire area may be affected. Do not use candles as they can be a fire hazard.
- Gather important documents (i.e. birth, marriage and/or death certificates, copy of will, insurance policies, stock and bonds, record of bank and credit card accounts, copy of passports, social security cards, immunization records and important telephone numbers).**
- Bring in all balcony furniture, plants, and wall hangings from the balcony terrace.
- Remove balcony ceiling fan, at a minimum remove the fan blades.
- Bring in all furniture, plants and wall hangings in the front entry foyer area.
- Remove window screens and balcony sliding screen door, put screens in unit.
- Remove items of importance from garage storage locker as storm surge may occur.
- Have an ample amount of cash inasmuch as credit cards and ATM machines will not work without the use of electricity.
- Be sure the gas tank in your vehicle is filled.
- Remain in constant contact with informational sources as to progress of the storm and have a plan as to where you would weather the storm should the need to evacuate arise. Be familiar with “evacuation” routes.**

Important Telephone Numbers: (Hurricane related Website www.collierem.org)

-  Shelter Information: Collier 239-774-8444, Lee 239-477-3600; Charlotte 941-743-1270; DeSoto 863-993-4831; Glades 863-946-6020; Hendry 863-612-4700.
-  Emergency Management: Collier 239-774-8444; Lee 239-477-3600; Charlotte 941-505-4620; DeSoto 863-993-4831; Glades 863-946-6020; Hendry 863-612-4700.
-  American Red Cross: Collier 239-596-6868 Lee 239-278-3401; Charlotte 941-629-4345; DeSoto 863-494-2348; Glades 800-833-0599; Hendry 863-902-1220.

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PHASE II

WHEN A “HURRICANE WARNING” HAS BEEN ISSUED:

- Make housing arrangement off Marco Island with family member(s), friend(s) or hotel reservations.
- Leave important telephone numbers at manager’s office.
- Make sure you completed the hurricane preparations listed in “Phase I”.
- Check all windows, sliding glass doors, storm shutters, etc. Be sure they are securely closed and locked. Close all window treatments (drapes, shades, etc.).
- Pack your hurricane supplies and place them in a central location (i.e. by the front door or load them in your evacuation vehicle. Be prepared to evacuate.**
- Remain in contact with informational TV/Radio sources.
- Be prepared to evacuate immediately if so ordered. **It is likely that a “VOLUNTARY” evacuation of Marco Island will be ordered at this time.**

PHASE III

WHEN A “MANDATORY EVACUATION” HAS BEEN ORDERED:

- Confirm your housing arrangements and evacuation route.
- Remove all perishable foods from your refrigerator and/or freezer inasmuch as it will spoil due to the loss of electricity. Take it with you or dispose of it.
- Gather your hurricane supplies and pack them in your vehicle.
- Make a fast final check, make certain you have “secured” all windows, sliding glass doors and storm shutters (if applicable).
- Turn off ALL circuit breakers in unit electrical panel.** Intermitting electrical surges may harm electrical appliances, or, may cause fire.
- Turn off the main water valve to the unit.** Plumbing pipes may break, thus, causing water leaks when the water is restored to the building.
- Close and lock entrance door (including deadbolt) and proceed quickly and safely as possible to evacuation point.

IMPORTANT: ONCE AN AREA SUCH AS A BARRIER ISLAND IS EVACUATED, LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL PROHIBIT ANYONE FROM RETURNING UNTIL IT IS SAFE. RESIDENTS WILL BE UNABLE TO RETURN TO GET PETS, MEDICINE, CLOTHING, FOOD OR ANYTHING ELSE LEFT BEHIND. WHEN PERMITTED TO RETURN, PROOF OF ISLAND RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED. CONTACT THE MARCO POLICE DEPT. TO OBTAIN YOUR RE-ENTER STICKER.