

AQUARIUS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Florida's Hurricane Season

June 1 through November 30

Dear Residents and Unit Owners,

June 1 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 - As part of the Rules and Regulations here at Aquarius unit owners are required 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. Please visit our document partner HomeWiseDocs at HomeWiseDocs.com to review the Master Policy Declaration pages.

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, AJP Management will distribute a HURRICANE WARNING letter outlining additional precautions, keep you informed on storm tracking, and provide local emergency contacts.

IF A HURRICANE WATCH IS ISSUED

- It's OK to start worrying – just don't let it paralyze you. Assess the status of your storm preparations. Know where you'll go if required to evacuate. Begin listening for storm updates.
- Make arrangements for pets -they are not permitted in shelters.
- Locate the main turnoff valves for water inside your apartment and label them.
- Make an inventory of possessions. Take pictures of each room. In case of damage pictures will help you identify what is lost, destroyed, etc. for insurance purpose.
- Fill car's gas tank.

IF A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

- **Fill bathtubs and jugs with water. Plan for one gallon of water per person per day. To store water in the bathtub, sponge the tub with a solution of liquid bleach and water, caulk the drain to make it watertight and fill the tub. You may use this water for washing and cleaning. A bucketful will flush the toilet if municipal pipes fail. Most plastic bottled waters should be drank within a year.**
- **Turn refrigerator and freezer settings to the coldest levels. Freeze water in plastic containers. If electricity fails, you can store them in the refrigerator to help keep food cold.**
- **Remove valuable pictures and objects from walls.**
- **Know the location of all exit stairways. Count the number of steps and know the direction to the closet exit if the lights in the hallway aren't operating. Don't use the elevator.**
- **Decide where the family will meet if you are separated.**
- **Bring in all loose items from the patio or balcony. Close and lock all windows, sliding glass doors and shutters. If you will be absent for even a weekend, you should consider making arrangements to bring your furniture in from the patio.**

PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Hurricanes are especially difficult for people in this category since just moving from one place to another can be stressful. People that are frail, elderly, or handicapped who will need assistance in evacuating should REGISTER NOW with their county's Emergency Office at **954-357-6385**. If you have any questions, call the "Special Needs Registry;" phone number for your county and make your plans in advance.

- **Pregnant women in their last month or at high risk should ask their doctors which hospital to use. Make arrangements for children; hospitals may not allow children or spouses to accompany the patient.**
- **Allow children to help with the storm preparations. This allow them to talk about their fears and feel more in control. Answer their questions honestly but without dramatizing what could lie ahead.**
- **Make your plans assuming 'no electricity' Remember that the friend, neighbor, nurse, valet and electrical conveniences may be temporarily unavailable.**

- If you are elderly, frail or handicapped and have friends or relatives that can help with your property, housing and welfare, contact them NOW so that you are part of their hurricane plan.
- Make a list of any prescribed medication and purchase a 10-day supply.
- If you will be staying elsewhere during the storm, discuss when you will be picked up. Allow time to gather the items you need to take along.
- If you normally need help with transportation or other needs from social service agencies, contact your county Special Needs Registry NOW. These offices provide transportation assistance to public shelters for individuals with physical or psychological limitations. Public shelters, however, should be your last choice as a place to go. Try to stay with friends or family.
- If you or a family member require electricity for life support equipment or need special supplies discuss this NOW with a physician. You may want to consider buying a generator for the period during and after the storm.
- With the approaching storm, stay tuned and monitor closely radio or TV for official weather bulletins.

IF YOU MUST EVACUATE

- If an evacuation order is given, be prepared to leave. Under Florida Law, you must leave if ordered to do so. AQUARIUS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION is located in the mandatory evacuation area for a storm of Category 1 or above.
- An Evacuation Order means that life-threatening conditions are possible in your area very soon. Do not try and second guess the people whose job it is to know where it is safe and where it is not. You will not be ordered to evacuate unless there is a real threat to your well-being. Move out AS SOON AS POSSIBLE after the order is given.
- Contact your County Office of Emergency Management for questions on evacuation issues. The number is: 954-831-4000.
- If ordered to evacuate do so immediately -there is no reason to wait. Avoid traffic jams and rising water.
- NOTE: Bridges are placed in the UP position during a hurricane and evacuation at that time becomes impossible so It is important to leave immediately.
- Protect all valuables and important documents such as jewelry, insurance policies, ownership documents, bonds stock issues, birth certificates, medical records, marriage license and mortgage papers. Try to place all these important belongings in a waterproof container small enough to be carried with you if must evacuate.

MANDATORY EVACUATION

AQUARIUS CONDO ASSOCIATIONS residents are subject to the mandatory evacuation law. However, if you choose to defy mandatory evacuation orders during a hurricane, please remember the following Aquarius Condominiums Association services **will** most likely not be available.

1. Elevator service
2. Electricity
3. Water
4. Engineering
5. Maintenance
6. Housekeeping
7. Individual requests

PETS AND ANIMALS

Make plans now for what to do with pets in the event of a hurricane. The choices are to keep the pet with you, take it with you if you evacuate, leave it with a friend or board it at a kennel.

Wherever your pet rides out the storm, make sure that it:

- Has at least a three-day supply of food and water
- Is wearing a collar with identification
- Is current on vaccinations and rabies shots

Shelters do not permit pet

Do not plan on taking your pet to a public emergency shelter. Because of safety and public health concerns, public shelters don't allow pets, except seeing eye dogs. Leave pets alone at home only as a last resort, and then be sure to leave them enough food and water. Never leave a pet at home on a tether.

Boarding your pet

If you are going to board your pet, now is the time to call your local veterinary clinic or the Humane Society for kennel locations. Broward County residents can call the Humane Society of Broward County at 954-989-3977 or 954-463-4870

PERSONAL RECORD SUGGESTIONS

Videotape your possessions

To help speed payment of an insurance claim, video tape or photograph your belongings before a hurricane.

Move methodically

Move methodically from room to room with a camcorder. Slowly zoom in on each object stating how much you paid for it and where it was purchased. If you are using a still camera, keep a list of item prices and where the items were bought.

Keep receipts

Keep all receipts, particularly for a big-ticket item such as refrigerators, stoves, television sets, VCRs, stereos, computers, etc.

Inventory storage areas

Inventory the contents of your closets, bureaus and storage areas. List everything, including shirts, socks, shoes, silverware, bath towels, bed sheets, pots, pans, etc. The more documentation and detail you can provide in your claim, the faster it should be settled.

Keep records in a safe place

Keep all lists, photographic evidence and records in a safe place of the premises. Make two copies of your videotape and photos. Update them occasionally, especially after Christmas or Hanukkah, or at the start of a hurricane season.

HURRICANE CHECK LIST

This list should include all items and supplies you may need to sustain yourself and your family for at least 7 days without outside assistance.

Note: If you are the caregiver for dependent persons with special needs be sure that your kit includes those supplies necessary for their care, e.g. prescription drugs, etc.

Now is the time to stock up on non-perishable food (canned meats, pet food, fruits and vegetables) in addition to medicine, baby food, diapers and formula and other special supplies.

Allow for at least 7 gallons of bottle water per person in your household.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Check your equipment flashlights, battery operated radios, extension cords. Maintain an extra supply of batteries.

HURRICANE SURVIVAL KIT

- Bottled water (7 gallon per person)
- Water purification tablets
- Water jugs-large and small sizes
- Canned food
- Manual can-opener
- Baby food, diapers and formula, pet food
- Emergency cooking facilities (grill or camp stove)
- Toilet paper and towels
- Valuables
- Fire extinguishes
- Battery operated radio, flashlights, extensions cords, extra batteries
- Bleach-without lemon or additives
- Fuel for automobile
- Matches
- Candles
- First aid kit
- Medicine: prescription, aspirins, antacid, antibiotic cream
- Mosquito repellent
- Ammonia inhalants
- Antiseptic ointment or spray
- Burn ointments

- Cotton balls
- Cough and diarrhea medicine
- Duct tape and scissors
- Soap, shampoo and Tweezers
- Butane lighters
- List of all important belongings, serial #'s, models #'s etc.
- Video tape of belongings
- Camera and film
- Plastic Trash Bags (get plenty)
- Cleaning supplies/disinfectant
- Map and/or directions to shelter locations

When purchasing supplies, keep your family size in mind. Try to buy sizes of food that you can use in one meal. Many canned foods deteriorate rapidly after opening.

Prepare at least one change of clothes for each family member. Use plastic bags to store the clothes.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

- Familiarize yourself with Disaster/Hurricane Insurance Coverage.
- Do you have replacement value coverage on your personal belongings?
- Does your policy include wind coverage on personal contents?
- Renters should have Renters Insurance!

In the event of a threat the management office will issue emergency contact informant information and additional instruction.

Thank you in advance and as always please let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns. Please see also attached Hurricane Section for Aquarius Condominium House Manual.

Best Regards,


Adrian Paredes, LCAM

HURRICAINES/STORMS

HURRICANE PROCEDURE CHECK LIST

Hurricanes are frightening to newcomers to Florida. However, most of us have been here long enough to know that certain procedures should be used in "battening down the hatches". Some of these procedures are listed below. A detailed list of what should be done to prepare for any hurricane can be obtained in the Condominium Office. All Unit Owners are urged to obtain a copy of that list.

BEFORE THE STORM

1. If you have a recurring illness or nervous condition which could be irritated by a hurricane, it would be wise to consult your doctor and have him/her prescribe medicines to keep with you during an emergency.
2. Before the winds become too strong for you to go out on your balcony, please remove all furniture and decorative items from the balcony. Most of these can be stored in your kitchen or living room.
3. Storm shutters should be closed by you before the winds get too strong. This is totally your responsibility. Building personnel may be too busy elsewhere to help you.
4. Stock enough packaged foods, canned goods, flashlights and battery powered lights with extra batteries, bottled water and "canned heat" for warming food. If you own a transistor radio, acquire extra batteries for it.
5. Fill the gasoline tank of your automobile as gasoline may become unavailable if electric power is curtailed. Aquarius will not be liable for damage suffered by any vehicle if parked on the premises; which includes the lower level garage, the upper level garage and the parking lot across the street.
6. Water shortage is a possibility during a hurricane. Purchase bottled water or fill sterilized containers so you have ample water for drinking and cooking needs. You should fill your bathtub or shower base (plastic bag or other stopper can be used). This water should be used for flushing toilets only — not for drinking.
7. While the electric power is still on, utilize your disposal for wet garbage, pack other items of refuse in securely wrapped packages and keep them in your kitchen until such time as garbage pick-ups by the City are again operating.
If the storm is imminent, set your refrigerator to the coldest setting, and in the event of a power failure, do not open the refrigerator doors unless absolutely necessary.
8. Do not leave common area doors (such as stairwell doors or service elevator doors) open, or change or move other common area items before or during the storm. These requirements will be handled by your building staff.

DURING THE STORM

1. As the storm progresses, follow the instructions on TV and radio. Keep up with the latest advisories from the Weather Bureau. If the storm passes directly over this area, there will be a calm period or lull, lasting several minutes to about a half hour, depending upon the size of the eye of the storm and how fast it is moving. DO NOT BE FOOLED — the wind will resume from the opposite direction and often with greater force than before.
2. Remain in your apartment and keep all doors, windows and shutters closed, including the doors to the bathrooms and bedrooms.
3. Bear in mind, we are in a high rise building and as such are subject to updrafts in the stairwells and elevator shafts which can be very damaging to the building...and dangerous to people...if windows and doors are not closed tightly.
4. In case of an electrical power failure, which is usual at least for a while during such a storm, emergency generators in each building will produce enough power to handle the ELEVATORS, CORRIDOR LIGHTS, LOBBY LIGHTS AND FIRE ESCAPE STAIRWAY LIGHTS. However, it will not take care of any of your apartment lighting, air conditioning, etc. (see the section under "Before the storm").

5. During hurricanes use of telephones increases dramatically. Accordingly, please try to limit the use of your telephone(s) to cases of emergency only.

Problems that may arise within the building (which you should quickly report to the office or the Security Guard).

AFTER THE STORM

Please make your own arrangements for any necessary clean-up in your apartment, such as wet carpet from seepage water (if any), etc. All service calls will be screened and answered promptly by our Maintenance Division. All calls will be recorded and assistance rendered as quickly as possible. Please report all building damage to the office.