

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS DURING A HURRICANE ALERT

Hurricane season is officially from June 1st to November 30th. Many residents will not be at Waterside during this period. When you leave for the season, you should ensure that 1) your water valve is turned off. 2) Your fridge & freezer contain no perishable food. 3) Your hurricane shutters (if you have them), are closed down. If you have no hurricane shutters, you should make sure that all furniture is removed from your lanai. Ensure that you complete one of the registration cards before you leave and place it in the appropriate box in the lobby.

When hurricanes are expected to affect Florida, there will be plenty of information available on TV, the internet & radio channels. Some examples are:

TV - Local stations and their websites may provide more detailed local coverage. Examples are: <http://www.winknews.com/hurricanecentral/> or <https://www.nbc-2.com/hurricane-guide>

RADIO – Local Emergency FM Station, WGCU 90.1 MHz

INTERNET - www.accuweather.com or <http://www.noaa.gov/>

FORT MYERS BEACH CODE RED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – The Fort Myers Beach Code **RED** Notification System warns residents and businesses of emergencies like hurricane evacuations and boil water notices. Emergency notices can be sent to a landline phone, a text to a cell phone, and messages to email. The code **RED** Application Form is at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/75BFEEC9A6A5>

LEE COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS- Lee County provides helpful information about emergency shelters and evacuation plans at <http://lee.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-preparedness-and-response/index.html>

If a hurricane is forecasted to affect our part of Florida, you should plan to evacuate Fort Myers Beach and move to a part of Florida, which is out of the hurricane's forecasted path.

Staying at Waterside when a hurricane is expected to come close is foolhardy, the Waterside III Board strongly recommends that you leave the area at least 48 hours before the predicted arrival of the hurricane. When, as a result of the hurricane, electricity is lost, your Condo will have no lighting, no air conditioning, no water, no elevator access and no sewage pumping facility. The emergency generator does **NOT** power individual Condos and in any case, only has fuel to run for a limited time. It is designed to cope with minor power outages, not a major emergency. If there is a major hurricane, the emergency agencies will **NOT** be able to get on to the Island to respond to individuals.

This Emergency Plan is written with the assumption that residents will not stay here if a hurricane is expected to strike in this vicinity. Once a hurricane is predicted to landfall in our area, the Lee County Emergency Operations Center will be activated Tel 477 3600, as will the Storm Information Hotline Tel 477 1900. Remember to leave **early**, there will be a lot of other vehicles with the same idea, highways will become clogged up!

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to drive far away from this area, our nearest Emergency Shelters are Estero High School off Rte. 41 just before Corkscrew Rd. and Germaine Arena, I75 (exit 123) No pets, alcohol or firearms are allowed at these shelters.

You are advised to keep an emergency kit in your condo if you are resident during hurricane season, take this kit with you when you evacuate the area or go to one of the Emergency Shelters. Recommended minimum content:

Drinking water. 1 gal/person/day.

Medications: pain tabs. anti-diarrhea tabs., sleeping tabs., topical anesthesia spray and your prescription meds.

First aid kit including Band-Aids and bandages adages

Battery operated FM/AM radio or NOAA weather radio, flashlight, extra batteries.

Blankets & pillows

Wet weather clothing

Non-perishable foods

Manual can opener

Charged lithium cell phone power bank

Keep your car gas tank full when hurricanes are forecast for our area.

Prior to a hurricane reaching our area, Property Management will be instructed to install the building's hurricane shutters. When installed, there will still be doors into and out of the lobby that can be used, they will be as a minimum:

EXIT

Single door to right (looking from the inside out) of lobby glass doors

ENTRANCE

One of the rear doors, either from the pool, or the tennis courts. The stairwell entrance to the right of the lobby glass doors (viewed from outside looking in) will not have a hurricane shutter fitted at any time.

Property management will also take care of ensuring that there are no unrestrained objects around the building, or the pool.

Make sure that if your Unit is rented, or occupied by Guests, you leave a copy of this plan in a prominent position in your Unit.

USEFUL NOTES

- Each Unit owner is required to have a caretaker. Make sure you know how to contact your caretaker when you are not here.
- If a hurricane causes a lot of damage to the Island, the only people who will be allowed back initially, will be those who have a 'Hurricane Re-Entry Pass.' These can be obtained at the FMB Town Hall. Two resident passes are available at no cost. A pass can be requested remotely at <http://www.fmbgov.com//Emergency-Preparedness-Operations>. These are **only** issued to Fort Myers Beach residents and people who run businesses on the beach. Unless your caretaker is an Island resident, they will not be able to get one of these re-entry passes.
- In the event of a hurricane situation, owners will want to know how the building, the rest of Waterside and their Unit has survived. As soon as any information is available, it will be posted on the Waterside III website: www.waterside3.com or the overall Waterside website: www.watersideatbaybeach.net these sites will be updated as information becomes available. Depending on the severity of the hurricane, it could be sometime before an assessment is made and information is posted on these websites. **DO NOT** call the Property Manager's Office for information, they will be preoccupied dealing with the emergency and clean up!
- Cars left on the property are done so at the owner's risk, they will not be moved by Property Management.
- Make sure that when you leave at the end of a season, and are leaving a car at Waterside, you take the insurance details with you.

IF THERE IS DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING, ALL ACCESS WILL BE RESTRICTED AND CONTROLLED BY THE PROPERTY MANAGER. MAKE SURE YOU TAKE EVERYTHING YOU NEED WITH YOU UPON EVACUATION.