

# **WATERSIDE III EMERGENCY PLAN**

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The purpose of this plan is to give advice & guidance to Waterside III residents, should they be present at Waterside during, or prior to an emergency situation.

This plan **only** addresses the Waterside III building. Responsibility for the common areas of the Waterside property resides with Property Management.

**Unit owners/renters/guests who have people in their Unit with mobility difficulties should consider in advance how they would leave the building in an emergency.**

Based upon our geographic location in SW Florida, the two foremost hazards which we may have to deal with are 1) A fire in the building and 2) A hurricane.

## **BUILDING FIRE**

In the event of a building fire, the fire alarms, automatic announcements and affected area sprinkler system will activate. Evacuation of the building is each resident's number 1 priority and must be undertaken without **any delay**. When evacuating the building and passing through closed doors, test doors for heat before opening them – if the door is hot, look for another exit. **DO NOT** use the elevators, instead use one of the two building stairwells. Diagram A shows the route to the stairwells from each of the 6 Units on each floor of the building. Congregate outside the front of the building, by the fountain to enable a check to be made of your presence.

**Under no circumstances should you re-enter the building without notice from the authorities.**

## **HURRICANES**

Hurricane season is officially from June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Many residents will not be at Waterside during this period. When you leave for the season, you should ensure that 1) Your Unit main 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 and other items are removed from your lanai.

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 than the Weather Channel. Examples are <http://winknews.com/hurricanecentral/> or <https://www.nbc-2.com/hurricane-guide>

**RADIO** Local Emergency FM station, WGCU 90.1 MHz

**INTERNET** - [www.accuweather.com](http://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 cell phones, and messages to email. The code **RED** application form: <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 that 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. If, 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 quickly 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 Route 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 tablets, anti-diarrhea tablets, sleeping tablets, topical anesthesia spray and your prescription meds.

First aid kit including Band-Aids and bandages

Non-perishable foods

Manual can opener

Charged lithium cell phone power bank  
Battery operated FM/AM radio or NOAA weather radio, flashlight, extra batteries.  
Blankets & pillows  
Wet weather clothing

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, shown as Door 7 on Diagram **B**. Plus door 14 or 15.

**ENTRANCE**

One of the rear doors, either from the pool, or the tennis courts, shown as Doors 14 & 15 on Diagram **B**.

The stairwell exits shown as Doors 2 & 12 on Diagram **B** will not have hurricane shutters 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.**

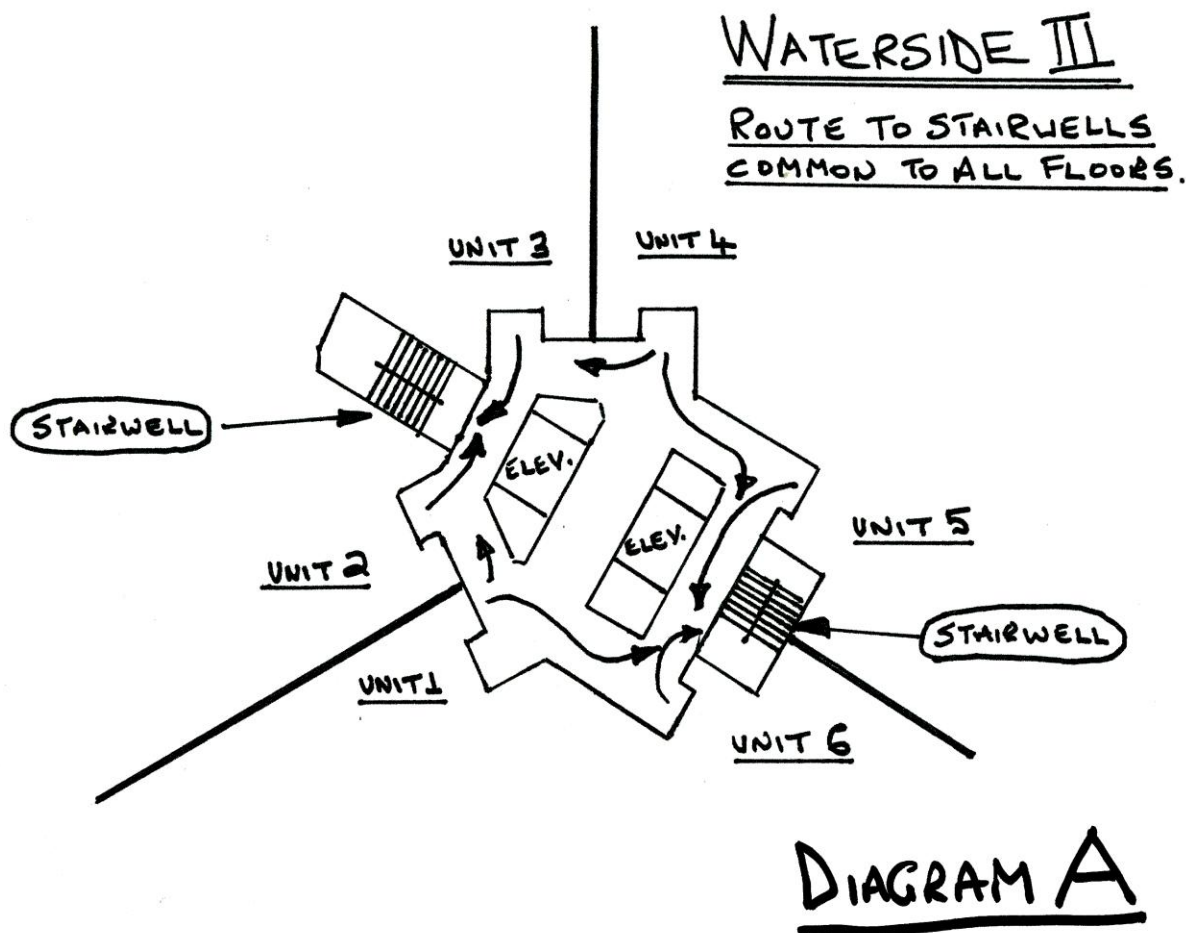
**USEFUL NOTES**

- 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

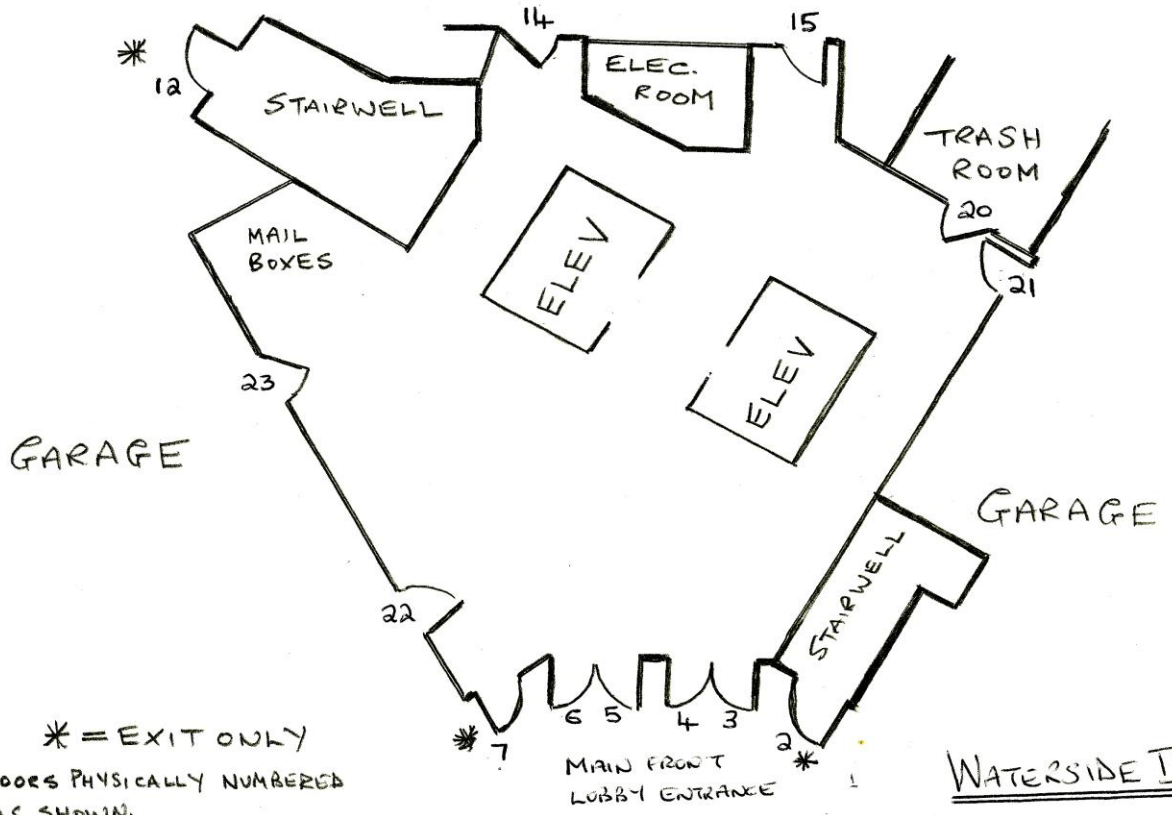
any information is available, it will be posted on the Waterside III website: [www.waterside3.com](http://www.waterside3.com). This site will be updated as information becomes available. Depending on the severity of the hurricane, it could be sometime before an assessment is made and information is posted on this website. **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, Property Management will not move them.
- 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.

**DIAGRAM A:** Evacuation Diagram for the 10 Floors with Living Quarters



**DIAGRAM B: Evacuation Diagram for the Ground Floor**



\* = EXIT ONLY  
 DOORS PHYSICALLY NUMBERED AS SHOWN.  
 DOORS WHICH HAVE PROVISION FOR HURRICANE PANELS: - 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22, 23, 14, 15, 20 & 21

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GROUND FLOOR.  
DIAGRAM B