



HURRICANE SEASON NOTICE

Hurricane season begins June 1st and ends November 30th

During the hurricane season it is your Board of Directors primary objective to protect our common property and infrastructure during a weather emergency. When a major storm is pending, we will attempt to issue emails with weather advisories and suggestions for preparatory action for you to take, however we suggest that you monitor available weather information sources for the most up-to date information.

Homeowners are reminded that they are solely responsible for all emergency preparations of their individual homes and properties.

If you do not reside in your Estuary home during hurricane season, or if you plan to leave for short or extended periods during the season, please arrange ahead of time for someone to prepare your home and periodically check your property in your absence.

Estuary Homeowners should prepare as follows:

MANDATORY: During hurricane season, June 1 through November 30, residents are required to move inside all furniture, ornaments, plants, and other outside objects when an officially declared Hurricane Watch or Tropical Storm Warning is issued. (DC 8.13)

Hurricane shutters may not be closed more than 72 hours before issuance of a hurricane or tropical storm watch or later than 72 hours after the watch is lifted. (DC 8.14) At their discretion, the Board of Directors may extend the removal deadline for hurricane shutters in times of emergency.

Please read the following to help you better prepare in the event of an approaching Hurricane storm:

LIST OF TERMINOLOGY RELATED TO HURRICANES AND ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY THE HOA

Please check for email bulletins and watch for signs posted at each exit gate.

Tropical Storm Watch: Community will be put on alert that a Tropical Storm has developed that may affect our area within 48 hours.

Tropical Storm Warning: We will put Tropical Storm Warning phase into effect. Tropical Storm expected to affect our area within 48 hours.

Hurricane Watch: We will put Hurricane Watch phase into effect. **Possible winds of 74 mph** to affect our area within 48 hours.

Hurricane Warning: We will put Hurricane Warning phase into effect. **Expected winds of 74 mph or higher** within 36 hours. All pre-storm activities will be put into action. Security Officers will prepare for evacuation and open all vehicle gates, secure the gatehouse, and vacate the security staff until an All Clear Notice is issued.

All Clear Notice: The community will be informed that all warnings have been lifted and that post-storm activities, as required, may commence.

EVACUATION PLANNING

Evacuation is not mandatory, but recommended for several reasons:

- Fire Rescue, Police, Medical, FPL, etc., will not travel when winds exceed 40 miles per hour; and will not be able to assist you until the storm has passed. This also depends on the condition of streets, i.e. clear of power poles and lines, debris; possible flooding.
- If you remain at home, utility services such as phone, electrical service, and water and sewer may have interruptions and possibly no services for several days.
- The Estuary community and the local area has a few low-lying spots making it more difficult to leave the area after a storm due to flooding.
- All bridges will be locked down when winds exceed 40 miles per hour. No motor vehicles will be permitted to pass over the bridges until they are inspected for safety purposes.
- You should have an evacuation route planned with enough time to arrive at a safe location. Remember the roads become increasingly congested the longer you wait. Time is of the essence.
- Be advised that after a storm passes, access is not permitted to affected areas until the Chief Building official declares it safe from hazards. Re-entry will be announced on television and radio. Management will be granted first access to determine the damage and needed repairs. The Association is not responsible for anyone remaining in residence during or after a hurricane.

If you decide to evacuate, here are some important precautions that you may want to consider:

- Before you depart, be sure to take dated photos or a video of your personal belongings. Bring important papers such as insurance policies, ID, stocks, bonds, credit cards, important phone numbers, and cash for several days.
- Be sure to charge your cell phone.
- Shutter your windows. Close and firmly lock all doors and windows.
- Shut off your water supply valve (located near the front door of your home). Check all faucets to determine that they are in the closed position.

- Turn off your electrical breakers. Turn off air conditioning units and appliances to protect them from power surges.
- Fill vehicles with gasoline as soon as a Hurricane Watch is issued.
- Familiarize yourself with storm shelter locations, hotels with emergency generators, gas stations with emergency generators and evacuation routes.
- Plan to board your pet or take your pet with you. Do not leave your pet unattended in your home.

Should you have any questions, please contact our property management company at (561) 983-6000

Suggested sources for weather information:

Television: The Weather Channel
 Channel 12 - Local news and weather channel

Internet: Weather Underground <https://www.wunderground.com/>
 NOAA National Hurricane Center <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/?atlc>