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HURRICANE SEASON has arrived....

As June 1st marks the start of hurricane season, we want to ensure the safety and well-being of all the residents and communities. Therefore, it is essential that all residents take the following proactive measures in preparation for potential storms applicable to their community.

According to NOAA Climate Prediction Center, for the 2024 hurricane season, NOAA is forecasting a likely range of 17 to 25 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 8 to 13 to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 4 to 7 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. Regardless of how many storms are predicted, we need to be prepared at all times for the possibility of a direct hit.

- Trim the trees in your patio/yard
- Repair/replace broken or damaged fences
- Seal windows, doors and other areas that wind can enter your home by
- Check roofs for loose tiles/shingles
- Begin to stock up on non perishable food, supplies and drinking water.
- Verify that your insurance documents are on file.

Association Precautions: The association is also taking necessary precautions to ensure the safety of our community. We are actively trimming trees, cleaning drains, and confirming procedures for when a storm watch is issued or a storm hits. We are committed to doing our part in preparation and recovery efforts.

Pre Storm:

Review your emergency kit. Make sure to have food, water (1 gallon per person per day) and medicine for a minimum of 3 days.

- Be sure to bring all front and backyard decorations, items, furniture and accessories indoors to avoid the possibility of flying projectiles.
- Ensure that hurricane shutters are in good working order and are being maintained regularly. If your home has hurricane panels, make sure all required hardware and materials are easily available and accessible.
- Trim your trees weeks, remove dead branches and dispose of properly

Additional websites to get helpful information:

- <u>http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/</u>
- <u>https://www.ready.gov/</u>
- <u>http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/</u>
- http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program
- https://www.ready.gov/kids
- <u>http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/index.asp</u>
- Miami-Dade Answer 311 Center
- State of Florida Emergency Information Line 800-342-3557; TTY: 800-226 4329



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IT'S IMPORTANT TO STAY INFORMED! You can sign up with local channels or Dade County to receive hurricane emergency alerts.

Know the terms.....

Tropical storm watch: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible somewhere within the specified coastal area within 48 hours

Tropical storm warning: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area within 36 hours.

Hurricane watch: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are possible somewhere within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of winds of tropical storm force.

Hurricane warning: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area. The hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of winds of tropical storm force.

Each owner/resident is responsible to assure they are prepared for a hurricane and to secure their property

What to do

If a watch is issued

- Fill your vehicles with gas.
- Get extra cash.
- Fill prescriptions.
- For mobile homes, secure tie-downs and prepare to evacuate when ordered.
- Bring in loose objects from outside. (Balcony's)

If a warning is issued: Secure all windows with shutters or plywood. Place valuables and important papers in a waterproof container and store them on the highest floor of your home.

If you are advised or ordered to evacuate;

- Follow all directions and orders from local officials, and leave immediately when instructed to do so.
- Bring emergency supplies, including a first aid kit, medicines, food, water, formula and diapers, toiletries, cell phones, radios, and batteries.
- Bring extra cash and copies of important papers such as insurance policies.
- Bring blankets, sleeping bags, books, and games.
- Unplug appliances; turn off utilities such as electricity and the main water valve.
- Lock the windows and doors of your home.

If you are not told to evacuate;

- Stay at home! Leave the roads available for those who must evacuate.
- Clean your bathtub with bleach and fill it with water for washing and flushing (not drinking).
- Set your refrigerator to maximum cold and keep it closed.
- Turn off your utilities if told to do so by local officials.



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During the storm;

- Go to an interior room and stay away from windows and doors, even though they're covered.
- During very strong winds, lie under something sturdy.
- Do not go outside, including during passage of the eye of the hurricane.

After the storm;

- Once you are able to go outside and it is safe... access your property damage.
- Pick up debris etc in front of your home, yard etc...
- Once business is up and running, report damages to the management company via email (with pictures if possible) or by phone.
- Please keep in mind that clean up takes time at a time of disaster and is not immediate. Streets will be cleared first and all other clean-up of trees etc... will follow. The association will be working diligently to get your community back to normal as quickly as possible. We ask for your patience and cooperation during that time.
- Gables Professional Management will be onsite the day after the storm to assess damages etc.
- Kindly remember that the GPM emergency line is not to be used to report damages since that is for emergencies (not hurricane damages) of all of the communities. Please report to email below.

Hurricane season isn't over until November 30th, 2024..... It's best to be prepared!!!!

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