

Hawthorne Community Association

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Dear Resident(s):

This Hurricane Package is now in effect after the experience of Hurricane Irma. We want to make sure everyone has one of these and that everyone reviews their hurricane package. The season begins June 1st and continues through the month of November so if you have not done so, now is the time to begin to review your storm plan with your family to ensure that you will be prepared in the event of an approaching storm. Wink News publishes an excellent hurricane guidebook to assist you in your storm preparations. This can be obtained at Publix and at the main clubhouse gym.

It is imperative that we coordinate and organize an effort to assist the owners and residents in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm. It is our hope that the attached Hurricane preparedness plan will provide informational assistance and give you the opportunity to familiarize yourselves with severe weather terminology. Should severe storms occur, the information will provide you with a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the association and owners.

There will be no basic services during or immediately after a hurricane (i.e., police, medical, or fire). In the event that an evacuation order is issued, all resident's will be required to follow the evacuation procedures and leave. If you chose to stay, please be reminded that you will be on your own. You should make arrangements to go to a safe place during the storm.

After you have made your evacuation plans, please fill out the attached form to advise the association in writing where you will be and how you may be reached. Persons with special needs should register with the Lee County Office of Emergency Management for assistance.

The association has limited abilities to protect against initial damages. All homeowners and residents must remove potentially dangerous loose articles from lanais, balconies and patios. You must secure your own windows. During any tropical storm and/or hurricane or watch, the Main clubhouse and gym and the Lucky Stone clubhouse and gym will have hurricane shutters in place restricting their use. Once local emergency officials state that the storm has passed, restrictions at the facilities will be lifted.

Please make sure your homeowner's insurance is current. Have a place in mind to move your vehicles if you are parking in a low-lying area. Storm surge or heavy rain may cause your vehicle to end up under water or not be accessible. If you are leaving your home before or during the hurricane season you should make arrangements to remove everything from your lanais, balconies, and patios and designate a firm or an individual to be responsible for the care of your property in the event of a storm,

Thank you for your complete attention to this important matter. Having a plan in place will help protect you and your property. Let's prepare while the sky is blue.

Sincerely,

Hawthorne Community Association



HATHORNE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

HURRICANE INFORMATION PACKET

HURRICANE INFORMATION AND PREPAREDNESS

Hurricanes are strong and dangerous storms that should be taken very seriously as they create a great threat to property and life.

The Hurricane Season in South Florida begins June 1st through November 30th.

Tropical Storm- Means severe weather conditions may occur, such as flooding, high winds, and thunderstorms. All balcony items must be removed, and proper precautions taken. Heavy rainfall and strong winds. Sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph are possible within 36 hours of a **Tropical Storm WATCH, and within 24 hours of a Tropical Storm WARNING.**

BEFORE A STORM STRIKES, HERE ARE TWO OFFICIAL TYPES OF WARNINGS:

1. A “hurricane watch” means a hurricane may strike an area within 24-48 hours.
2. A “hurricane warning” means a hurricane is expected to strike in 24 hours or less.

Hurricane Watch- means that hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area, generally within 36 hours, including sustained winds of more than 74 mph. Fill your car gas tank, prepare your auto, ensure you have enough cash as ATM machines may not be available.

Hurricane Warning- means that hurricane conditions are expected within the warning areas with the next 24 hours. Preparations to protect Life and property should be rushed to completion. Register with the American Red Cross through its “Disaster Safe” Web site, www.safeandwell.org. it allows people who are registered to list their names and hometowns before disaster strikes, afterwards, they can update the information with a message, such as “I am safe and well and at...” either through the same site or by calling a toll-free number.

Hurricanes are categorized by strength according to their wind speed:

Category One	∫	Winds of 70 mph to 95 mph
Category Two	∫	Winds of 96 mph to 110 mph (Evacuation)
Category Three	∫	Winds of 100 mph to 130 mph
Category Four	∫	Winds of 135 mph to 155 mph
Category Five	∫	Winds of 155 mph or greater

The higher the category of a Hurricane, the more damage that will result:

CATEGORY ONE

STORM SURGE 4-5 FEET ABOVE NORMAL: No real damage to building structures. Damage primarily to unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery and trees. Also, some coastal road flooding and minor pier damage.

CATEGORY TWO

STORM SURGE 6-8 FEET ABOVE NORMAL: Some roof damage. **Door and window damage to buildings.** Considerable damage to vegetation, mobile homes and piers. **Coastal and low-flying escape routes flood 2-4 hours before arrival of center.** Small craft in unprotected anchorage will break moorings. Now mandatory evacuation East of U.S. 1 (Aventura).

CATEGORY THREE

STORM SURGE 9-12 FEET ABOVE NORMAL: Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings with a minor amount of curtain wall failures. Mobile homes are destroyed. Flooding near the coast damages smaller structures with large structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain continuously lower than 5 feet above sea level may be flooded inland as far as 6 miles.

CATEGORY FOUR

STORM SURGE 13-18 FEET ABOVE NORMAL: More extensive curtain wall failures with some complete roof structure failures on some small residences. Major erosion in beach areas. Major damage to lower floors of structures near the shore. Terrain continuously lower than 10 feet above sea level may be flooded requiring massive evacuation of residential area inland as far as 6 miles.

CATEGORY FIVE

STORM SURGE GREAT THAN 18 FEET ABOVE NORMAL: Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Major damage to lower floors of all structure located less than 15 feet above sea level and within 50 yards of the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas on low ground within 5-10 miles of the shoreline may be required.

BEFORE THE FIRST HURRICANE OF THE SEASON

YOU SHOULD HAVE ON HAND:

- At least a seven-day supply of bottled water (seven bottles per person) and canned food that can be eaten without refrigeration (be sure to have a manual can opener on hand).
 - At least two 6-volt flashlights on hand. (Do not use candles. This may cause a fire and emergency crews may not be able to aid). Have extra batteries available.
 - A fully stocked First Aid kit.
 - A fire extinguisher.
 - A battery powered portable radio and extra batteries.
 - A supply of masking or duct tape.
 - A gallon of bleach.
 - Copies of your insurance policies and telephones for claims
 - An inventory and pictures of your home's interior and property taken with a digital camera that you can forward to a family member out of town or a photo share web site, or web cloud.
- In the event you are going to be out of town during the season, make arrangements with a friend, relative or neighbor to remove all items from your lanai and exterior, secure your hurricane shutters and to move your vehicle(s). For better protection, you may want to make arrangements to park your car in a closed garage or other shelter.
- Insurance coverage – If you have insurance, find your policy and make certain coverage is adequate (seek advice from your agent). You should consider videotaping your apartment to include décor items, jewelry, collectibles, electronics, appliances, etc. If you do not have insurance, obtain coverage now before it is too late! Once a storm passes a certain coordinate as determined by individual insurance companies, coverage may not be available.

EVACUATION

In the event that local authorities call for the evacuation of the Community, all residents are urged to do so.

Special concerns during a hurricane:

- During a hurricane, electric power may be lost which means there will be no air conditioning in your home, no water, and no lights.
- Should there be a fire or other emergency, emergency crews will not be able to respond during or immediately after the storm. You risk being trapped with little or no assistance.

When a Hurricane “watch” is issued, that is the time to begin making preparation to evacuate.

When a Hurricane “warning” is issued and an evacuation order is given, your evacuation should proceed immediately to a predetermined shelter or other inland, non-coastal area. Delays could cost you valuable time and possibly your life.

Listen to local radio or television stations for up-to-date national weather service advisories, as well as any special instructions from local authorities.

BEFORE YOU EVACUATE

- Remove all items, i.e., plants, furniture, etc. from your lanais and exterior areas. (These items can become destructive and deadly airborne missiles).
- Secure all hurricane shutters if you have them. Hawthorne homes need to follow the hurricane shutter policies.
- Secure all your windows and sliding glass doors. Pull down all blinds and close drapes, etc. Place several towels inside the sliding glass door tracks and along the bottom of bedroom windows in the event there is water seepage.
- Turn off all electric power to your home (flip the breakers in the electric panel to the off position) except for the refrigerator (turn the thermostat to the coldest setting).
- Place all necessary medical supplies and medications in a plastic bag or other watertight container.
- Obtain extra money to have on hand (ATM's and banks may not be operating after the storm).
- Place all-important documents in a plastic bag or other watertight container or place them in a safe deposit box.

- Clean your bathtub(s) with bleach and fill them with water (make sure to shut off the faucet completely).
- Fill your vehicle's tank with gas.
- Line trash cans with trash bags and fill up with water that could be using for washing or toilet flushing.

WHEN YOU EVACUATE

- Notify management in writing of where you will be staying and a phone number where you can be reached. If you have a home watch service notify management in writing of name and contact information.
- Leave during daylight hours if possible.
- Be sure to evacuate to the nearest shelter or other safe inland, non-coastal area. Take all necessary medical supplies and medications with you.
- Take small valuables (money, jewelry, etc.) and important documents with you.
- Take a battery-powered radio, flashlights (extra batteries), plenty of drinking water, toiletries, bedding and food that can be eaten cold (don't forget the manual can opener).

SHUT DOWN

Several hours before the storm the gate entry systems will be shut down and left open to protect the equipment during the storm.

Additionally, the security guard house personnel will evacuate the guardhouse when sustained winds reach 45MPH and the hurricane remains an imminent threat, and the proper mechanical systems are shut down to ensure that the systems will not be damaged during the storm and that they will be operational by Envera after conditions return to normal and power is restored

Please pick up a "Wink" Hurricane information book from Publix or from Hawthorne's gyms in order to have all Federal, County, and City websites, information and phone numbers.

FPL.com/storm will guide you through power issues, circuit breakers preparation, disconnecting electrical appliances, etc. Bookmark FPL.com/outage to your cell phone, check Facebook.com/FPLconnect for restoration updates following the storm.

AGAIN – YOU ARE URGED TO EVACUATE THE COMMUNITY IF AN ORDER IS ISSUED. IF A STORM'S LANDFALL IS IN THIS AREA, THE POLICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE RESCUE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Hawthorne is in Evacuation Zone “B”, very vulnerable and will experience significant impacts from land falling storms and levels of storm surge. Evacuation will often be required for a hurricane coming from the gulf. For more info check out Leegov.com/hurricane.

RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY

After the storm has passed, avoid returning to the community immediately. The streets are usually blocked with fallen trees and shrubs and/or flooding. Emergency personnel return to work after the winds die down to less than 50 MPH. Essential personnel to building return after the winds are 45 MPH. Fill out the form Vesta will send you regarding email notifications.

TO RECAP

1. Before the first storm of the season, prepare your home (NOW).
2. Should a hurricane “watch” be issued, remove all lanai furniture or anything at exteriors that can be projectiles. (Management will send residents notification in the event a “watch” is issued).
3. Stay tuned to local radio and television stations for latest National Weather Service advisories, and special instructions from local authorities (such as an order to evacuate).
4. Should a hurricane “warning” be issued and an order to evacuate given, do so as quickly as possible (inform management, in writing, of where you will be staying and a phone number where you can be reached).
5. After the storm, contact the community management to ascertain the condition and safety of the community before returning.

**REMEMBER –
THE BEST DEFENSE IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE IS TO BE PREPARED.**

Please keep this information in an easily accessible location. Should you have any question regarding this information, please contact your management office.

This information was prepared by your association. It is being provided to you as a source to help you prepare for a Hurricane. It is not to be construed as a substitute for your own good judgement. You should avail yourself to information provided by government agencies and the National Weather Service, as well as listen to local television and radio newscast.



Hurricane Irma Naples area



Hurricane Michael Gulf Coast