

Lake 'n Golf Estates

Hurricane Safety and Evacuation Procedures

When hurricane season is here, we need to prepare for the possibility of a tropical storm. It is important that each resident follow the suggested actions outlined in the procedures below. We must prepare not only for the storm, but also for the emergencies following a storm, when public services may not be restored for several days. The hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th each year. Now is the time to prepare for the storm we hope will never occur.

Terminology

Hurricane Watch: This means a hurricane may threaten within 24 hours. You should listen for weather advisories on your radio or TV.

Hurricane Warning: This means a hurricane is expected to strike within 24 hours. You should secure your home and take shelter.

Tropical Depression: This indicates a cyclone with winds of less than 39 mph or 34 knots. It is indicative of conditions favorable to hurricane development.

Tropical Storm: This is a cyclone with winds from 39 mph to 73 mph or 34 knots to 63 knots. It is an upgraded tropical depression capable of property damage and under the right conditions poses a personal danger.

Hurricane: This is a violent cyclone with winds greater than 74 mph or 64 knots. There are 5 categories with #1 at 74 mph up to #5 over 150 mph.

HOA Procedures

When National Weather service issues a Hurricane Warning for Polk County, the following procedures will be put into action by the Emergency Committee of Lake 'n Golf Estates.

1. The Street Captains and the Emergency Committee will inform all residents of the hurricane warning and the impending storm.
2. Residents will be advised to secure their homes and prepare for the storm as outlined in this document.
3. After securing your home (see below for details), all residents should report to the clubhouse to let the HOA know. If you are planning to remain in your home, seek shelter elsewhere, or drive out of the danger area, Sign out with the Emergency Committee at the Clubhouse when you are leaving Lake 'n Golf Estates and where you may be going with contact numbers. This will help if the FDEM needs if a search and rescue of Lake N Golf is needed.

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4. Enter the clubhouse by the main entrance. All other entrances will be secured and may not be used during use as an approved evacuation site. If you stay in the club house you are doing so at your own risk.

Do not drive your automobiles or golf carts to the clubhouse. Leave them in your carport locked.

Important Note

The State of Florida, Emergency Management and Police Agencies have advised against seeking shelter, during a hurricane, other than your mobile homes. All residents are urged not to stay in their homes during such an event.

The clubhouse is not a hurricane shelter. Seek out an authorized shelter and be prepared to remain in the shelter for a minimum of 24 hours. You could be in the shelter much longer, as storm movements are often quite erratic. It may be required that you remain in the shelter after the storm has passed, depending on the severity of damage to homes and the lack of utilities, etc. This is why it is important to follow the directions on advance preparations, particularly with regard to supplies, food and medication.

Major decisions regarding the clubhouse will be the responsibility of the Emergency Committee on site and will not be subject to debate or disobedience. It is not possible to deal with problems or emergencies by popular vote.

No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the clubhouse and no smoking will be allowed anywhere in the building.

If water pressure is lost, all available water will be placed under the control of the Emergency Committee. A program of rationing will be instituted. Bring your own water.

Advance Preparation

It is recommended that every resident use the FDEM Disaster Supply Kit Checklist for needs in a Disaster. See attached checklist.

(The suggested food stock is for use during and after the storm. Lay in an adequate supply in case store stocks are depleted or ruined by water. You will not bring all this food to the clubhouse or shelter as explained before in this document.)

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Fill your car with gasoline. Fill your generator fuel containers.

Be sure the drinking water containers are filled with fresh water.

Be sure you have enough cash because the ATM and/or banks may not be available during a power outage in a Hurricane.

Check your plans to be sure you have the items listed in the FDEM Disaster Supply Kit Checklist. See attached FDEM Disaster Supply Kit Checklist.

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Secure all loose items outside your home. Items such as outdoor furniture, yard ornaments, hanging baskets and garbage cans, etc., should be placed in your utility shed. The HOA will walk around and put things away if assistance is needed.

Move furniture from a screened room into the house.

Cover windows. If possible draw drapes and close blinds over the windows and doors.

Stay away from glass windows and doors. Winds can increase suddenly.

Fill the bath tub with water and use flat rubber stopper.

Place heavy towels along bottom of windows and doors to trap water leakage.

Food in the refrigerator/freezer will remain cold for up to 48 hours, if the doors are kept closed. They can be turned down to the coldest setting when a "Hurricane Watch" is announced.

Be alert for a possible directive from the Emergency Committee to report to a shelter. Such directive could be by phone or in person. Monitor advisories on the radio or TV

When leaving your home for a safe emergency shelter please do the following.

- Unplug TV, lamps, radios and turn off the air conditioning and all electrical appliances.
- Turn off your main water supply
- Take your valuables documents and pictures/photos with you if possible or store in a safe place that is protected from water damage.

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- Collect the items you plan on bringing with you to a shelter. Do not forget 7 day supply of medications and documents.
- Sign out with the Emergency Committee at the Clubhouse when you are leaving Lake 'n Golf Estates and where you may be going with contact numbers. Please let a family member know where you are taking shelter. This will help if the FDEM needs if a search and rescue of Lake N Golf is needed.

Reporting to a an Approved Shelter

Contact Polk County Emergency Shelter Information Line 863 401 2234

Before heading to at approved shelter conform it is open and operating. Bring with you: Medications (at least a 7-day supply), 1 blanket per person, 1 small bag of snacks, 1 flashlight/lantern per family, 1 hand fan, 1 pillow per person, 1 box of tissues, 1 lawn chair per person if desired. Bring your valuable papers in your "vial of life" if you have one or have a list of medications and allergies or special health problems. Bring a change of clothing and a small bag for dirty clothes. Bring a travel kit of hygiene supplies. Also, bring cards, a book or small game.

After the Storm

After the storm is over, the danger is not over. When on the streets and roads, be alert for fallen wires, broken glass or other threatening debris. Watch for snakes driven out by high water. Approach your home with care. Do not turn on electricity in your home until you have checked that it is safe to do so. When operation your generator be sure it is not close to a windows or door.

When the hurricane is over and the all-clear is announced, all residents should return to their homes if it is safe to do so.