

# **Lake 'n Golf Estates**

## **Hurricane Safety and Evacuation Procedures**

### **2018**

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 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Procedures**

When our area of Central Florida receives a Hurricane Warning, the following procedures will be put into action by the security committee here at Lake 'n Golf Estates.

1. The Street Captains and the Security 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, all residents should report to the clubhouse. If you are planning to remain in your home, seek shelter elsewhere, or drive out of the danger area, you should register your intentions with the Security Committee. The information on your where-a-bouts is needed so that we will not be endangering a search and rescue party endeavoring to account for you.
4. Enter the clubhouse by the main entrance. All other entrances will be secured and may not be used during use as an evacuation site.
5. Do not drive your automobiles to the clubhouse. Leave them in your carport.

### **Important Note**

The State of Florida, Civil Defense and Police Agencies have advised against seeking shelter, during a hurricane, in mobile or modular constructed 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 Security Committee 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 Security Committee. A program of rationing will be instituted.

### **Advance Preparation**

It is recommended that every resident have available, during the hurricane season, the following items:

Drinking water in plastic sealed containers (one gallon per person minimum).

Small cans of meat (not salty), small cans of fruit or fruit juice, dried fruit, small cans of vegetables (peas, carrots, etc.) baked beans, peanut butter, cheese, granola, granola bars, crackers, powdered milk, bread, jelly raisins, nuts, clean raw vegetables, sugar or sweetener in packets.

*(The above 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 later in this document.)*

Flat rubber stoppers for bath tub water storage.

Wash and dry wipes for personal hygiene.

Plastic eating utensils, manual can opener and bottle opener.

Flashlight. A battery-operated hurricane lantern with extra batteries. Purchase fresh batteries yearly and store in the refrigerator. If you use a rechargeable flashlight, there may not be power to recharge.

Paper goods, such as paper plates, cups napkins, paper towels, facial and toilet tissue.

Medications, prescription drugs and other commonly used medications. Civil Defense Officials recommend at least a two-week supply.

A tote bag for food and personal needs while away from your home. Make a list of items you will carry, such as a sweater, glasses, hearing aid, watch, pillow, hand fan, a light blanket, etc.

Have extra towels to place around windows and doors in the event of water leakage.

Have a battery-operated radio for use in the event of a power failure.

### **A Hurricane Watch is Announced**

Sign out with the Safety Committee when leaving Lake 'n Golf Estates.

Fill your car with gasoline.

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

Check to be sure you have the items listed under "Advance Preparation" above.

### **A Hurricane Warning is Announced**

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.

Move furniture from a screened room into the house.

Tape or cover windows.

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

Draw drapes over the windows and doors.

Unplug TV, lamps, radios and all electrical appliances when directed by the Civil Defense or emergency broadcast stations, prior to leaving your home to go to an emergency shelter.

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.

Turn off the air conditioning when ordered and when leaving your home to go to an emergency shelter.

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

Place your valuables and pictures/photos in a safe place to protect from water damage.

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

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

Collect the items below to bring with you to a shelter. Do not forget medications!

### **Reporting to a Shelter**

Bring with you: Medications (at least a 3-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 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 the hurricane is over and the all-clear is announced, all residents must return to their homes.**