

Dear Residents,

June 1 marks the beginning of Atlantic hurricane season, which continues through November 30. While significant storms impacting our area during June are uncommon, the most active portion of hurricane season typically occurs during August and September. The beginning of hurricane season is an excellent time to review your family's emergency plans and understand how your Association prepares for severe weather events.

Personal Hurricane Preparedness

Residents are encouraged to prepare well in advance of any storm by:

- Maintaining an emergency supply kit with food, water, medications, flashlights, batteries, and other necessities.
- Reviewing evacuation routes and shelter information.
- Confirming insurance coverage and understanding applicable deductibles.
- Photographing personal property and important areas of your home for insurance purposes.
- Charging electronic devices and maintaining backup power sources when possible.
- Securing or bringing indoors any items located on lanais, balconies, patios, or outdoor spaces when a storm threatens.

The best time to prepare is before a storm is forecasted. Once a storm enters the Gulf of Mexico, supplies and services can become difficult to obtain.

Association Storm Preparations

As a storm approaches, the Association and management team may begin implementing storm preparation procedures designed to protect residents, common areas, and community infrastructure.

These preparations may include:

Swimming Pools and Pool Furniture

To protect Association property and reduce potential storm-related hazards:

- Pool furniture may be removed from the pool deck and stored.
- Umbrellas, tables, chairs, and other loose furnishings may be secured or relocated.
- Pool areas may be closed prior to the arrival of severe weather.

- Pools may remain closed after a storm until water chemistry, equipment, electrical systems, and surrounding facilities can be inspected.

Residents should not move or replace pool furniture once it has been secured for a storm event.

Elevators

For communities with elevators, special precautions may be taken to protect equipment from flooding and power interruptions.

Depending upon the projected storm conditions:

- Elevators may be parked on designated upper floors.
- Elevator service may be suspended before the arrival of severe weather.
- Elevators may remain out of service following a storm until inspections can be completed.

Residents should avoid using elevators once storm conditions begin deteriorating and should anticipate the possibility of temporary elevator outages.

Dumpsters, Dumpster Gates, and Enclosures

Dumpster enclosure gates and dumpster doors may be secured prior to a storm. These measures are intended to prevent:

- Wind damage to gates and hinges.
- Damage caused by dumpsters shifting during high winds.
- Debris becoming airborne and creating additional hazards.

Residents are encouraged to dispose of waste early if a storm is forecasted, as dumpster access may be restricted during storm preparation and recovery operations.

Emergency Services During Storms

Residents should understand that local government services may be reduced or suspended during severe weather events.

As conditions worsen:

- Public works operations may cease.
- Non-emergency services may be suspended.

- Emergency responders may temporarily discontinue field operations when sustained winds reach unsafe levels.

Following a major storm, restoration of services may take time depending on roadway conditions, debris, flooding, and infrastructure impacts.

After the Storm

Following a storm:

- Use caution around downed power lines, damaged structures, and standing water.
- Document any property damage with photographs.
- Contact your insurance carrier promptly if damage has occurred.
- Avoid entering flooded areas.
- Be patient as contractors, utility companies, and emergency services work through recovery efforts.

Please remember that community staff, contractors, utility providers, and emergency responders may be managing recovery efforts across many properties simultaneously. Restoration of services and cleanup activities may require time depending upon the severity of the event.

While we hope for a quiet hurricane season, preparation is one of the most effective tools available to protect lives and property. We encourage all residents to take this opportunity to review their plans and be ready should a storm threaten our area.

Sincerely,

Newell Property Management
On Behalf of the Board of Directors