

## **2009 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLAN CHASEWOOD NORTH**

Official hurricane season began June 1st, it is imperative that you are prepared. **Chasewood North is located in an evacuation zone which means that if a mandatory evacuation is ordered any residents who remain in the building do so at their own risk. There will be NO police, fire or other emergency services available. The management company will remove its personnel once the building is secured.**

### **WHAT TO DO**

#### **NOW**

- A. Plan your evacuation
  - 1. Friends/family
  - 2. Hotel
  - 3. Emergency Shelter
    - a. Dwyer High School  
13601 N Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, FL 33410  
(561) 625-7800
    - b. Independence Middle School  
4001 Greenway Dr, Jupiter - (561) 799-7500
    - c. Special needs –must pre-register by calling (561)712-6400

#### **HURRICANE WATCH (24 TO 36 hours until storm)**

- A. Purchase necessary supplies. (See attached checklist.)
- B. Assemble supplies you will need during the evacuation. (Clothes, medicine, food, water, etc.)
- C. Put important paper in water proof container. Place in safe room or with evacuation supplies.
- D. Begin clearing all items from balcony and/or terrace.
- E. Fill gas tank in your car(s).
- F. Have sufficient cash.

#### **HURRICANE WARNING (24 hours to storm)**

- A. Remove any items remaining on balcony/terrace.
- B. Close and lock hurricane shutters.
- C. Close and lock sliding glass doors.
- D. Place towels, disposable diapers, etc. in sliding glass door tracks.
- E. Turn off water at main valve in AC closet.
- F. Turn off air conditioning.
- G. Turn off all circuit breakers except for air conditioning and refrigerator.
- H. Set refrigerator and freezer at coldest setting.
- I. Put second car on higher ground.
- J. Place "survival kit" in car you are taking.
- K. Shut off hot water heater at the circuit breaker box.
- L. Evacuate early and during daylight hours.

#### **AFTER STORM**

- A. Return to building after all clear is given by local authorities.
- B. Be aware of danger, i.e., fallen electric wires, downed trees, broken glass, etc.
- C. Do not turn on electric if there is standing water in your unit.
- D. Check your unit for damage. Make arrangements necessary to safely secure your unit.

- E. Report damage to Property Manager and your insurance company.
- F. The Building Staff/Volunteers will check all units of Owners not currently in residence.
- G. Do not drink tap water until it has been declared safe.
- H. Avoid packaged foods that have come in contact with floodwater.
- I. Throw out frozen food unless it still has ice crystals on it and you can cook it immediately.
- J. Avoid opening the refrigerator.
- K. DO NOT USE CANDLES. Use flashlights and battery powered lanterns.
- L. Advise your family that you are OK.

**STAYING IN THE BUILDING AFTER AN EVACUATION ORDER IS GIVEN WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IF THERE IS AN EVACUATION ORDER THAT YOU COMPLY**

- A. Neither The Board of Directors nor the Management Company will be responsible for your safety or for any incident to any owner while under the evacuation order.
- B. Follow applicable suggestions given for Hurricane Watch, Warning and After the Storm.
- C. Sign the sheet in the clubhouse indicating that you will remain in the building.
- D. Meet with others who remain in building to formulate safety plan.
- E. If electric power is lost, turn off all the individual breakers except one which controls a lamp. Leave the lamp turned on so that you will know when power is restored.
- F. Use flashlights **NOT CANDLES!**
- G. The Hurricane Center recommends avoiding the top floors of tall buildings
- M. Stay in an interior room away from windows.
- N. Sewage may back up. Use restraint in flushing toilets and putting water down the drains.
- O. If help is needed, tie a bright ribbon to the front door handle of your unit to let volunteers know.
- P. Fill bathtubs/sink with waster for flushing if necessary.

**Hurricane Kit**

Prepare a hurricane kit and assemble now. Put aside in a special box. Keep heat-sensitive items inside home and rotate stock throughout season. Batteries can go in the refrigerator.

- Flashlights and extra bulbs
- Clock (wind-up or battery-operated)
- Battery-operated radio
- Extra. batteries
- Toilet paper
- Matches (Look in camping stores for waterproof matches)
- Scissors
- Plastic garbage bags
- Working fire extinguisher
- Clean change of clothes, rain gear, sturdy swamp boots you would not mind throwing away
- Fully charged battery-operated lanterns. Don't use candles and kerosene lanterns. They are fire hazards.
- Map of the area
- List of phone numbers
- Copy of insurance policy
- Emergency toilet

- Garbage can with tight lid
- Plastic bags for liners
- Disinfectant or bleach
- Deodorizer
- Extra toilet paper

**Note: Canned and other prepared foods that are salty or dry or high in fat or protein might make for good provisions but they'll make you thirsty.**

- Water: 2 quarts to 1 gallon per person per day (get a week's supply); have extra for mixing powdered drinks
- Ice or dry ice
- Shelf-stable juice and milk boxes
- Canned and powdered milk
- Beverages (powdered or canned, fruit juices, instant coffee, tea)
- Raw vegetables that don't need refrigeration (will last only a few days)
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Dried :fruits
- Prepared foods (canned soups, beef. spaghetti, tuna, chicken, ham. corned beef hash packaged pudding)
- Snacks (crackers, cookies, hard candy, unsalted nuts)
- Snack spreads (peanut butter, cheese, spreads, jelly)
- Cereals
- Sugar, salt, pepper
- Bread
- Dry and canned pet food
- Extra formula or baby food

#### **Kitchen Supplies**

- Waterless hand sanitizer
- Manual can opener
- Water purification tablets
- Bottle opener
- Matches in a plastic bag
- Pocket knife
- Ice chests or coolers
- Paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, plastic utensils
- Disposable pans for cooking
- Plastic bags, jugs or containers for water and ice

#### **First-aid Kit**

Drugstores will be very crowded just before a storm and closed for days after keep a two-week supply of prescription drugs.

#### **Medical Supplies**

- First-aid handbook
- Insect repellent sprays and or lotions
- Citronella candles
- Petroleum jelly, for relieving itching
- Ointments and Iodine for bumps, cuts
- Antiseptic solution
- Sunscreen

- Extra over-the-counter medicine (for colds, allergies, cough)
- Aspirin, acetaminophen, antacid tablets
- Children's medicines
- Diarrhea medication
- Feminine hygiene items
- Incontinence supplies
- Rubbing alcohol
- Disinfectant
- Soap in plastic bags
- Moist towelette packets
- Medic Alert tags
- Thermometer
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Cotton-tipped swabs
- Sterile rolls
- Sterile adhesive bandages
- Sterile gauze pads
- Roller bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Needles
- Plastic sheeting
- Adhesive tape
- Safety pins
- Latex gloves

