
Hurricane Preparedness

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Hello fellow Woodlakers,

At this moment there are **NO hurricanes** brewing that we should be alarmed about. I'm praying that we don't need this list, this year. But, now that it's September I do want to bring up the subject, just in case.....

I am sending AGAIN, this checklist that we have compiled over the years. This message is not meant to scare you, but only to remind you to be prepared. For now, the main things to remember are to have loose objects out of your courtyards or upper decks. If the wind would be great enough we will have to secure the pool furniture as we have done in the past.

Please read the below checklist to brush up on what we need to think about: If you have access to a printer, it would be great to have a printed copy in your condo. I'm also attaching the most recent updates for our owners grid and Email/phone Directory.

Have these Items available to use:

- Extra batteries
- Candles or lamps with fuel
- Matches (keep these dry)
- Materials and tools for emergency home repairs—such as heavy plastic sheeting, plywood, a hammer, etc.
- Prescription drugs
- A three-day supply of drinking water
- Food that you don't have to refrigerate or cook
- First aid supplies
- A portable NOAA weather radio
- A wrench and other basic tools
- A flashlight
- Woodlake Directory

KEEP YOUR CELL PHONES CHARGED.....HAVE AN EXTERNAL CHARGER FOR YOUR CELL PHONE TO KEEP PHONES CHARGED WHEN YOU ARE WITHOUT POWER. HAVE A CHARGING CABLE FOR YOUR PHONE SO THAT YOU CAN CHARGE YOUR PHONE IN YOUR CAR. DON'T RUN YOUR CAR IN YOUR GARAGE, HOWEVER, WHEN THE GARAGE DOOR IS DOWN DUE TO CARBON DIOXIDE POISONING.

Also:

- Inventory your valuables

- Plan route to emergency facility
- Keep a full tank of gas in your car
- Make sure no loose items are in your courtyard.
- **Ensure all outdoor furniture, grills, propane tanks, and any other loose items have been stored inside your home as many items become missiles in high winds.**

If owners are not in their condo, owners are still responsible for any items left on their decks or courtyard that need to be removed or tied down. Residents now at Woodlake have noticed there are big items on some decks like "grills," and outdoor furniture. All of this should be in the garage or preferably in residence. These items could cause damage to not only your condo, but your neighbors.

- Tune in to your local TV news/radio stations for further updates on this storm.
- Reach out to your neighbors who might be in more need of help than you are.
- Share this information to those you know who do not get email at Woodlake.

In addition, here are some other suggestions from an excellent post on the internet by Scott Baio. Though these are not my ideas they are definitely worth reading. Some of these ideas may prove invaluable to us. Some of these suggestions **repeat** what is above:

1. Charge any device that provides light. Laptops, tablets, cameras, video cameras, and old phones. Old cell phones can still be used for dialing 911. Charge external battery backups.
2. Wash all trash cans, big and small, and fill with water for flushing toilets. Line outdoor trash cans with trash bags, fill with water and store in the garage. Add bleach to sterilize.
3. Fill every tub and sink with water. Cover sinks with Saran Wrap to keep it from collecting dust. Fill washing machine and leave lid up to store water.
4. Fill old empty water bottles and other containers with water and keep near sinks for washing hands.
5. Fill every Tupperware with water and store in the freezer. These will help keep food cold longer and serve as a backup water supply.
6. Fill drinking cups with water and cover with Saran Wrap. Store as many as possible in the fridge. The rest you can store on the counter and use first before any water bottles are opened. Ice is impossible to find after the storm.
7. Reserve fridge space for storing tap water and keep the sealed water bottles on the counter.
8. Cook any meats in advance and other perishable foods. You can freeze cooked food. Hard boil eggs for snacks for the first day without power.
9. Be well hydrated before the storm hits and avoid salty foods that make you dehydrated.
10. Wash all dirty clothes and bed sheets. Anything dirty will smell without the A/C, you may need the items, and with no A/C, you'll be sweating a lot. You're going to want clean sheets.

11. Toss out any expiring food, clean cat litter boxes, and empty all trash cans in the house, including bathrooms. Remove anything that will cause an odor when the A/C is off. If you don't have a trash day pickup before the storm, find a dumpster.
12. Bring in any yard decor, secure anything that will fly around, secure gates, bring in hoses, potted plants, etc. Bring in patio furniture and grills.
13. Clean your environment so you have clear, easy escape routes. Even if that means temporarily moving furniture to one area.
14. Scrub all bathrooms so you are starting with a clean odor free environment. Store water filled trash cans next to each toilet for flushing.
15. Place everything you own that is important and necessary in a backpack or small file box that is easy to grab. Include your wallet with ID, phone, hand sanitizer, snacks, etc. Get plastic sleeves for important documents.
16. Make sure you have cash on hand.
17. Stock up on pet food and fill up bowls of water for pets.
18. Refill any medications. Most insurance companies allow for 2 emergency refills per year.
19. Fill your propane tanks. You can heat soup cans, boil water, make coffee, and other stuff besides just grilling meat. Get an extra, if possible.
20. Drop your A/C temperature in advance and lower temperatures in your fridges.
21. Gather all candles, flashlights, lighters, matches, batteries, and other items and keep them accessible.
22. Clean all counters in advance. Start with a clean surface. Buy Clorox Wipes for cleaning when there is no power. Mop your floors and vacuum. If power is out for 10 days, you'll have to live in the mess you started with.
23. Pick your emergency safe place such as a closet. Store the items you'll need in that location for the brunt of the storm. Make a hand fan for when the power is out.
24. Shower just before the storm is scheduled to hit.
25. Keep baby wipes next to each toilet. Don't flush them. It's not the time to risk clogging your toilet!
26. Run your dishwasher, don't risk having dirty smelly dishes and you need every container for water! Remember you'll need clean water for brushing your teeth, washing yourself, and cleaning your hands.
27. Put a small suitcase in your car in case you decide to evacuate. Also put at least one jug of water in your car. It will still be there if you don't evacuate! You don't need to store all the water in the house. Remember to pack for pets as well.
28. Check on all family members, set up emergency back up plans, and check on elderly neighbors.
29. Remember, pets are family too. Take them with you!
30. Before the storm, unplug all electronics. There will be power surges during and after the storm.

31. Gas up your car and have a spare gas container for your generator or your car when you run out.

32. Life jackets/vest & inflatable rafts might also help if you need to leave your home if it becomes flooded

All the best!

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