

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Your Board of Directors and its Hurricane Preparedness Committee are preparing our condominium for the upcoming hurricane season.

It must be understood that, in the event of a storm, it may not be possible to contact Jupiter Harbour itself by telephone. Both land lines and cell towers may experience outages.

The following information is not meant to be a complete hurricane preparedness guide for you. It only relates to certain issues at our condominium. You can download the latest hurricane guide by going to the following site:

The following links may also be helpful.

WPBF news	<a href="http://www.wpbf.com">http://www.wpbf.com</a>
Town of Jupiter	<a href="https://www.jupiter.fl.us/1915/Hurricane-Flood-Guide">https://www.jupiter.fl.us/1915/Hurricane-Flood-Guide</a>
PBCgov	<a href="http://discover.pbcgov.org/pages/default.aspx">http://discover.pbcgov.org/pages/default.aspx</a>
NOAA	<a href="http://www.nhc.noaa.gov">http://www.nhc.noaa.gov</a>
FEMA	<a href="http://www.fema.gov">http://www.fema.gov</a>

If you have any questions concerning this information, you can contact the Manager.

## ASSOCIATION ADVICE TO OWNERS:

Each hurricane season, there can be many storms which threaten Jupiter. Often, there is only a small window of time during which our Manager and the Board of Directors members in-residence have the opportunity to prepare common areas and their own property for a storm and evacuate if necessary. Unfortunately, this means that those of you who plan to be away for hurricane season or who evacuate during a hurricane must make your own arrangements to protect your property.

### **NEITHER THE MANAGER NOR THE BOARD WILL PREPARE YOUR UNIT FOR A HURRICANE!**

The following are suggestions which are helpful to all Owners planning to be away at any time during the hurricane season:

1. Tell the Association where you are going to be during your absence, with telephone numbers, cell phone numbers, and location. The office telephone will be left on to receive messages and will not be answered during or immediately following the event.
2. If you have hurricane shutters, you must close them. If you do not have hurricane shutters, you must remove all personal items from the terrace, including furniture and ceiling fan blades to protect your unit and others.
3. If you have sun shutters, the manufacturer recommends you raise them as they are not built to withstand a hurricane.
4. Place towels or water eaters immediately inside of your sliding glass windows/doors. This will minimize wind-driven water coming in under the door.
5. Put towels or water eaters around your fireplace.
6. Remove all perishable foods from your refrigerator and ice from the freezer and throw them away unless you will be here to plug your refrigerator into the emergency generator. See item #13. You'll be glad you did if the electricity is off for any significant period of time!
7. Check your Homeowners' insurance company to make sure your policy is in effect and provides the coverage you need. Place your policy in a water proof safe location or take it with you when you leave Jupiter Harbour.
8. Turn off at the breaker your computer(s), your TVs or other electrical appliances (microwave, stove) before you leave. This type of equipment can be permanently damaged by unstable voltage.
9. Arrange for caretaker or maintenance service to regularly inspect your condominium and to make sure everything is ready for a storm. After the storm, your caretaker should ascertain what damage, if any, has occurred. If you plan to leave a car, make sure that the Caretaker has a key.

10. Make sure that the Manager has keys to your front door, storage room door and your Utility Closet.
11. If you plan on leaving your condominium, shut off your main water supply valve and turn off, at the circuit breaker(s) for your water heater.
12. Additional items which you should add to your hurricane supply list are as follows:
  - a. Extension cord (commercial grade) of sufficient length to reach from your refrigerator to the closest exterior building floor outlet. Do not plug in extension cords to outlets until the storm passes.
  - b. Power strip with circuit breaker to be attached to your extension cord to prevent overloading the building emergency breaker.
13. Alarm System - The Condominium Building Fire Alarm system is powered by the emergency generator and will automatically report the fire through the telephone system for 8 hours after power is lost. After 8 hours, the telephone lines will be dead. All calls reporting fires, must be made by cell phone to 911.
14. Use of a personal generator, gas appliance or propane tank grill is **prohibited** by law in all condominium units, balcony or walkway area's. Once it is safe, the Association will place gas grills back on their pads for your use.
15. The Elevators will be brought to the fifth floor and shut down when mandatory evacuation orders are in effect for our area.
16. If you evacuate (we are in an evacuation zone), leave early since you have the furthest to travel from the coast to a safe location.
17. Please be aware that your Board and the Manager will be swamped with work after the storm. So, be patient. We will try to keep you informed, ABOVE ALL, DON'T WAIT TO PREPARE!

#### FEDERAL AGENCIES:

- ▶ FEMA Registration 1-800-621-3362
- ▶ FEMA Fraud Detection 1-800-323-8603

#### STATE AGENCIES:

- ▶ Dept of Financial Services 1-877-693-5236
- ▶ Attorney General/Price Gouging 1-866-646-7226

#### OTHER:

- ▶ FPL Outage 1-800-468-8243
- ▶ AT&T: Res. 1-877-737-2478
- ▶ FEMA: 800-621-3362
- ▶ Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (non-emergency) 561-712-6550
- ▶ Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (emergency) 561-712-6400
- ▶ Special Needs Shelters 561-712-6400
- ▶ Jupiter Medical Center 561-747-2234