

Hunters Ridge Disaster Plan

The Hunters Ridge Staff will do its best to communicate with the members in the event of all emergencies. Communication will be in several forms: First, please make sure that your current e-mail address is on file. E-mail blasts are the fastest, easiest way for the staff to keep you up to date. Secondly, be sure to check the Hunters Ridge website (www.huntersridgecommunityassociation.com) for information during an emergency. Please make sure that you also watch the local/national news as they will have the most current up to the minute information. We also urge each of you to create a Family Hurricane Plan and to go over a Hurricane Preparedness Checklist (see attached). Although there could be situations that occur that could be considered "disasters", our focus will be what to do if a hurricane should approach our area. Hurricane Season is from June 1 through November 30.

Every resident is responsible for the preparation of their home, including the installation of hurricane protection devices, and the removal of potential flying debris from their yard and/or lanai prior to the storm. Bring inside any objects that might become airborne and cause damage in strong winds. Hurricane Protection Devices may be installed as soon as hurricane warnings are issued for our area, and must be removed within 72 hours after the storm leaves our area. Out of state residents who install their Hurricane Protection Devices when they leave for the summer months and remove them when they return in the fall, must make sure that the devices have been approved by the Architectural Review Board. If you do not install them before you leave for the summer, you **MUST** make arrangements to have someone secure your property in the event a hurricane does approach our area. Hunters Ridge does not provide this service for our homeowners as our staff will be busy securing the common areas, and their own homes.

Evacuate or Stay? If you or your family feels insecure in any way with an approaching storm, the best advice is to secure your property and get out of town or go to a shelter. The experts tell us if you evacuate 10 times, seven of those times you're going to be wrong, but rather wrong than dead wrong. Lives cannot be replaced! The Hertz Arena is the closest hurricane shelter and it is located at Exit 123 off of I-75, 11000 Everblades Parkway, in Estero.

Hunters Ridge is located in a Storm Surge Risk Area of a Category 3 Hurricane. This means the area may be subject to salt water flooding should a Category 3 Hurricane or greater approach Hunters Ridge. The Storm Surge is the real killer during a hurricane.

Lee County Emergency Management Services Regarding the providing of emergency services during life-threatening weather conditions, public safety emergency services vehicles such as patrol cars, fire trucks and ambulances normally get off the road at the arrival of sustained wind speeds that reach or exceed tropical storm force (39 miles per hour). When this occurs, ALL emergency response personnel will be deployed to police/fire stations or shelters. They will limit or discontinue emergency response services until such time that conditions are deemed non life-threatening. ALL emergency 911 calls will be prioritized. Therefore, they cannot GUARANTEE emergency services under tropical storm or hurricane conditions to ANYONE within Lee County.

Create a Family Hurricane Plan - A personal safety plan can make your family safer during hurricane season. First, know if you live in an evacuation area. Next, know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Your plan is based on this knowledge. The following options will help guide your decision to stay at home or evacuate.

- a. Stay at home. If your home can withstand the expected winds, and you are away from the coast and not in a flood prone area, consider staying home.
- b. Stay with a relative, friend, or hotel that is out of the evacuation area. If you plan to do this, make arrangements in advance. Consider where you will go if the friend or relative is not home.
- c. Relocate out of the area. Local officials will tell you which evacuation routes to use. Plan your route ahead of time, also plan alternate routes. Include maps and directions in your hurricane kit. Leave early to avoid high wind and flooding.
- d. Go to a public shelter if you have nowhere else to go. Local media will announce which shelters are open. Do not wait until the last minute to learn the route to the shelter.

Remember: **Evacuate if ordered.**
 Execute your family plan.
 Respond quickly but without panic.

Use the information contained in the handout to create your Family Hurricane Plan. This plan will help you and your family prepare for Hurricane Season. After your plan is complete, discuss it with everyone involved and keep a copy in your hurricane kit.

Storm Reminders:

Monitor weather situations closely!

Check/Purchase:

- Batteries
- Battery operated radio, tv
- Flashlight, lantern, candles
- Propane bottles for lanterns or stove
- Bottled water, at least a 3 day supply
- Fill tubs for flushing and washing
- 3 day supply of Non-perishable foods

Begin evacuation procedures 48 hours before projected landfall.

Fill cars with gas and secure and properly store gas for generators. Be sure and test your generator.

Secure home and property:

- Cut off power except to refrigerator and/or freezer
- Unplug radios, tv, amplifiers, computers, etc.
- Cut off LP gas at the tank
- Cut off water at the meter

When leaving, take:

- Medications
- Papers and articles you can't afford to lose
- Your pets. If going to a shelter, please make sure they will allow your pets.
- Identification, credit cards and cash.

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

Done	To Do	N/A	June 1st or just before Hurricane Season Starts
			Review your Hurricane plan.
			Get familiar with your evacuation route and shelter location.
			Keep your prescriptions full and up to date. Include OTC medication.
			Pack a first aid kit, include sunscreen and insect repellent.
			Get a car charger (or a solar charger) for your cell phone.
			Post emergency numbers by each phone and in your hurricane kit.
			Keep your vehicles fueled.
Done	To Do	N/A	72 Hours before the Storm
			Decide on your course of action, stay or evacuate.
			Monitor local TV or radio and listen for evacuation orders.
			Check food, water and other supplies. Recommended guidelines are one gallon of drinking water per person per day.
			Withdraw cash from the bank.
			If you plan to go to a hotel, make your reservation.
			Check your car's fuel tank, tire pressure, fluid levels.
			Write down important phone numbers to take with you.
			Gather valuables to take with you or put them in a safe place.
			Start freezing water in containers or zip lock bags for the freezer.
Done	To Do	N/A	48 Hours before the Storm
			Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting.
			Pack enough clothes for at least 3 days.
			Move patio furniture and other loose items indoors.
			Continue to monitor TV/radio for weather updates
			Install your hurricane protection devices (shutters, etc.)
Done	To Do	N/A	24-36 Hour Watch/Warning
			If you are staying home, put your supplies in a safe room.
			Fill bath tub with water for sanitary purposes.
			Super chlorinate your swimming pool. Do not drain pool!
			If evacuating, start to pack your car.
			When you leave to evacuate, turn off water and most electrical.
			Leave refrigerator and freezer turned on to the lowest setting.

Hurricane Checklist

Every minute counts when a hurricane warning is issued. Use the below supplies checklist to help determine what you may need to keep your family and your property safe.

Hand and Power Tools

- Drills
- Hammers/Axes
- Chain/Circular Saws

Cleaning Supplies and Equipment

- Wet/Dry Vacuum
- Pumps and Hoses
- Heavy Duty Trash Liners
- Sanitizers and Disinfectants
- Sorbents
- Floor Squeegees
- Mops, Buckets, Brooms
- Pressure Washer

Ventilation

- Air Circulators/Fans
- Dehumidifiers
- Carpet Dryers/Blowers

Personal Protection

- First Aid Kits
- Respirators
- Gloves
- Raingear/Boots
- Eyewear
- Sturdy shoes/Boots

Lightening/Power Supplies

- Batteries
- Glow/Light Sticks
- Lanterns
- Flashlights
- Power Cords/Adapters
- Generators

Safety Equipment

- Ropes/Tie Downs
- Water Coolers and Cups
- Audible Signaling Devices/Whistles
- Survival Kits
- Evacuation and Rescue Equipment

Property Supplies

- Duct Tape
- Tarps
- Shovels
- Gas Cans
- Engine Oil
- Clamps/Fasteners
- Water Heater Straps
- Sandbags
- Shatter Resistant Lamps
- Weather Radios
- Gas Leak Detectors/Alarms
- Safety Cabinets
- Tent and Canopies
- Air Compressors
- Wheelbarrows

Going North for the Summer? Checklist for Preparing your Home

The last thing you need to worry about while you are away for the summer months is your home at Hunters Ridge. Unfortunately, many unforeseen problems can arise because of the extreme humidity and the very powerful thunder storms we have during the summer months. Southwest Florida is noted for being the lightening capital of the world. These lightening strikes result in many electrical and power surges which cause several problems with air conditioning and humidistat equipment, as well as with appliances. When air conditioning equipment is not working correctly, or not working at all because of a lightning strike or power surge, due to our high temperatures, high humidity, and potentially high amounts of rainfall, molds and mildews can easily form inside your home. All of these concerns mentioned should not be taken lightly, and the management staff at Hunters Ridge does strongly recommend that you have a home watch service to monitor your home for you while you are away.

To assist you with closing your home for the summer, here are some helpful tips.

- To eliminate high humidity, it is necessary to have a fully functioning air conditioner. Install a new filter, check the drainage line and be sure cool air is generated when the unit is activated. Since even new air conditioners malfunction, it is important that the unit be periodically checked to ensure that it is working properly.
- Water is always a consideration. It is strongly recommended that the main water valve be turned off. If this is not possible for some reason, the second choice is to close valves to individual sinks, toilets, etc.
- Appliances should be unplugged. This is particularly important for the hot water heater, television sets, and even the garage door opener. One appliance that is frequently left on is the refrigerator/freezer. If it will be left on, condiments and other non-perishables can be placed inside. The unit can then be placed at the lowest setting and the icemaker turned off by lifting the lever inside it, being sure it remains in the "up" position.
- Blinds should be kept closed, bed skirts raised, and closet doors left open for added air circulation.
- Bring all lanai or patio furniture inside and keep cushions where there is air conditioning to save them from mildew problems.
- Check security alarms to see that they are functioning properly and arrange with your alarm company to be sure someone will respond to an alarm that has gone off.

Please feel free to call us at any time if you have any questions or concerns about securing your home for the summer months.