

Hurricane Preparedness for Island Court Venice

Owners who are out of town for the summer

1. Register emergency contact information with the Board.
2. Arrange for a Home Watch service to check on your home in your absence.
3. Prepare your home if you are going to be gone for an extended amount of time:
 1. Forward your mail
 2. Cancel your newspaper
 3. Suspend utilities
 4. Clean out refrigerator and dispose of all open dry goods
 5. Unplug small appliances and replace smoke detector batteries
 6. Remove and store any outdoor furniture or decorative items
4. If you leave a car at your home, be sure that a Board Member or your Home Watch person has a key in the event it needs to be moved in an emergency
5. Communicate with your Board any arrangements you have made and register the contact information of your Home Watch person with the community



Owners who remain in town for the summer

1. Create your own Family Evacuation Plans and know your zone
2. Make sure your Board knows you intend to evacuate so they are aware that your home is unoccupied
3. Make sure your Board has your most recent cell phone number and email address so they can stay in communication with you
4. If you require special medical attention, are disabled, in a wheelchair or oxygen dependent, register with the appropriate evacuation shelter ahead of the storm

5. If you have pets, arrange special evacuation plans that can accommodate animals or register with the appropriate shelter ahead of the storm



Owners who decide to shelter in place during a storm

1. Report to your Board that your home will be occupied during the storm so your community has an accurate head count
2. Make sure that you have gathered enough food and supplies for a minimum of three days in case roads are unusable after the storm

3. Once winds reach 45 mph, Emergency Responders will no longer respond to 911 calls
4. If you have pets, prepare to have something inside your home like training-pads in the event you cannot take your pet outside to relieve itself during or after the storm
5. Report anyone other than you sheltering in your home during the storm to your Board and include additional pets and vehicles