



August 30, 2019

Re: Hurricane Dorian - Be Prepared

As Hurricane Dorian continues to grow and move in our direction it is important to ensure you and your family are well prepared and remain safe. The links below provide helpful information...

Link to Manatee County Hurricane Preparedness -
https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety/emergency_management/emergency_management_news/hurricane_preparedness

Link to Manatee County Public Safety -
https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety

Please take notice of the following recommendations to help keep you safe.

1. Seek shelter first and foremost whether at home, at a friends or an emergency shelter. Know where your nearest emergency shelter is located and evacuate if you are directed to go.
2. Secure items currently outside by possibly moving them inside. This will keep them from becoming projectiles in the wind.
3. Please ensure you have water and perishables for your needs. Fill up empty water bottles or containers now and keep them handy. Fill up buckets with water so you may flush toilets. Fill your bathtub and laundry room sinks with water should it be needed. Freeze extra ice now. Use the ice to keep your perishables if we lose power.

4. Please review all evacuation routes now before you may need to use them.
5. If you are leaving your home or unit, please have the main water supply shut off.
6. If you have hurricane shutters please have these put into place.
7. Please use the "buddy-system." Provide your information to another for contact.
8. If you have a pet, please ensure they are "with you at all times." If your pet does not have a collar, purchase one and put your name and telephone number on the collar. Have pet food, medications and some toys available for your pets if you have to evacuate.
9. Do NOT drive in the Hurricane! Do NOT drive on flooded roads!
10. Keep flashlights and backup battery chargers for your phones for communication. If you have a handheld radio, make sure it operates properly and use the "AM" frequencies for information. Start checking them now and keep them charged.
11. If you have the chance to help someone please do so but always ensure your safety is secured FIRST!
12. Have enough medications available to get you through at least the next 7 days.
13. Lock all doors and stay inside.
14. Place all your important papers (passports, insurance, contact information, etc.) in a plastic bag or two and ensure it is easily accessible should you need to grab it and go.
15. Sandbags are available today and over the weekend. Please watch the news or check online for details or check Manatee County at https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety/emergency_management/sandbag_distribution

Note: In the event that the winds get to a consistent 35 MPH we will be opening our gates for easy access in and out and to avoid problems should we lose power. The guards will be sent home for their own safety meaning the gates will NOT be manned. Please do NOT post on social media that our gates are opened as that is simply an open invitation for problems.

Keep in mind that Law Enforcement and Emergency Services will not be able to respond once the winds reach 40 MPH consistently. The 911 Dispatch Center will be very busy with calls even if the deputies cannot respond. When possible use the Non-Emergency number [941-747-3011 x2260](tel:941-747-3011) to reach the Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU). The deputies will take your report and it will be handled as soon as the units are available.

Please stay safe during this storm! YOUR Safety is first and foremost.

Jan Kaufman, River Wilderness HOA President, 2019

HOA Website: www.rwhoa.org