



August 28, 2023

Re: Hurricane Idalia

Dear Residents:

We are currently under a hurricane watch for approximately 2:00am on Wednesday, August 30. Following are some helpful links and information that we issued previously to help as you finish your preparations to ride out the storm.

We will be sending out additional information today once we have more details as to the specific plan for our community.

Do you know your Evacuation Level?

We have a lot of new residents in River Wilderness. Visit www.mymanatee.org/evacuation_levels to determine your level. If you need assistance in determining your level, drop by the Community Center during our new office hours from 1 – 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Do you have a Disaster Supply Kit?

With prices so high, make a list of supplies needed, shop for sales, and stock up now, or a little at a time. Store these items in a tote you can get to quickly.

Do you have a pet?

If it is unsafe for you to shelter in place, it is unsafe for your animal. The best plan is to identify a safe location that allows household pets. Pet-friendly shelters/evacuation centers and boarding facilities will require proof of vaccination. Take your pet evacuation supplies with

you. Also have all ID tags, rabies, and license tags on your animals in case you get separated. Microchipping is strongly recommended.

Make sure you communicate to your family members where you will locate during the storm. Send your emergency contact copies of important papers (drivers license, insurance policies, etc.)

Keep your important papers in a fireproof safe or box and store a copy in a secure location away from your home or business.

Do you have some cash set aside?

Take a video of everything in your home for insurance proof.

Start now by always keeping a full tank of gas in each of your cars.

Keep a supply of your prescriptions available.

How about your neighbors? Do any have special needs? Do you?

Have you contracted with someone to assist you with home storm preparation?

Tip: If you plan to leave during the storm, freeze and leave a small container of water in your freezer, put a penny on top. When you return home, if the penny has dropped to the bottom, your power was out while you were away. If it is still on top, you did not lose power.

Let's make our plans and check with our neighbors to make sure they have a plan also.

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