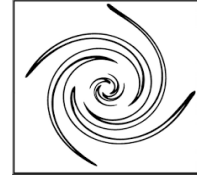


# Brookside Bluff Condominium Association HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS



ALL RESIDENTS AND TENANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON, whether seasonal, year-round, vacationing, or evacuating.

*Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in personal injury to others, unnecessary damage to homes and property, and corrective actions by the Board.*

## OUTSIDE THE HOME

Flying Debris: Anything that cannot be firmly secured to the ground must be safely stored inside your house or garage.

- Flower pots
- Lawn decorations
- Hoses, reels
- Outdoor Furniture
- Grills
- Propane tanks, turned off
- Hanging decorations
- Bikes

**Note:** Screen rooms and under the house are not safe storage areas for potential flying debris. (Items stored under the houses will likely be strewn over the park along with skirting and insulation)

**Any unsecured objects that could become a hazard may be disposed of.**

Awnings: Close all awnings and secure storm shutters if available.

Water Supply: If you are leaving your home, shut off the water supply to the house.

## **INSIDE YOUR HOME**

To avoid damage from power surges:

- Unplug valuable electronics before a storm.
- Turn off air conditioning at the first sign of power surges.

Do not leave perishables in the refrigerator or freezer for more than 3 days. To prepare for power outages:

- Set the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest settings and minimize opening of the doors.
- Empty ice cube trays and bins as they will melt and leak water on your floor.

## **COMMUNICATE**

Notify the park office/leadership as to where you plan to be during a pending hurricane event.

Make sure the park office has your current phone number in case you need to be informed of damage to your property.

Leave your house key (labeled with lot #) at the office and also with a friend on site, in case you need someone to check the inside of your house.

## **Brookside Bluff Emergency Shelter Information**

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Brookside Bluff Residents are welcome to use the Clubhouse for temporary shelter. Residents with pets may use the Recreation Building.

### **What the Park can provide at the Shelter**

- The Park has some generators that are used to keep the water source and waste systems functioning. The generator at the clubhouse has been regularly checked and maintained and is sufficient to operate lights, some fans, and refrigeration. Just as with typical home generators, the park generators will not run large A/C systems, so shelter rooms may not be cooled.
- Residents that have medical conditions or special needs are asked to make advance preparations for themselves in case the park is not able to meet those needs.
- Optional facilities are available in Arcadia (Desoto Co.) and in Wauchula (Hardee County). See last page for info.
- In the past, FEMA has assisted with generators, ice, and water.

### **Before you come to the Shelter**

You will be informed when the facilities are available to bring personal items to your area.

### **Useful Items to Bring to the Shelter**

Inflatable beds and cots, bedding, lawn or folding chairs, flashlights/batteries, water, non-perishable food, medicine, medical equipment, towels, waste bags, etc. Bring enough for a couple of days.

### **Register with the Monitor in your building**

- Provide family/friend contact information.
- Let your family/friends know that you are safe and where you are.

## **Shelter Rules**

- NO SMOKING, VAPING, or ALCOHOL
- Maintain respect and consideration of fellow residents.
- Share the space.
- Quiet Time inside the shelter is 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.
- Keep the shelter clean at all times. Pick up as soon you make a mess.
- Be courteous in use of restroom facilities.

## **Pet Owners**

- Go to the Recreation Building.
- Pets must be kept in a kennel or on lease at ALL times.
- Bring enough pet food and water for a few days.
- Pets that may have trouble interacting with other pets and humans must be kept in a kennel.

## Planning in Advance for Hurricane Season

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- Contact your pharmacy and make sure that you have all of the medications that you need for a couple of weeks.
- Take pictures or videos of your home and possessions before the storm.
- Keep important documents organized so that you can access and protect them in a rush.
- Put documents and electronics, and data storage media in sealable plastic bags. When a storm is pending, put sealed valuables in the trunk of a car.
- Fill gas tanks for cars and generators before a storm.
- Turn your refrigerator/freezer to the coldest setting and minimize opening the doors if the power goes off.
- Unplug electronics and turn off air conditioner at the first sign of power failures or surges.
- Pending a hurricane, fill bath tubs with water to be used for flushing toilets.

### **Items to have available:**

- Flashlights / Batteries
- First-aid supplies, prescriptions, I.D / Insurance cards
- Battery-powered Radio (weather radio is best)
- Charged Cell Phone / Battery-powered charger, adapter for charging in car
- Drinking water – at least 1 gallon/person/day for 3 days.
- Food - Non-perishable foods and snacks, can opener (non-electric), outdoor cooking supplies, disposable plates/utensils.
- Personal care products
- All keys
- Cash

## Optional Storm Shelter Locations

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/shelter-status/>

### DeSoto County (Arcadia)

**Public Shelter:** Turner Agri-Civic Center  
2250 N.E. Roan Street

*(Pet-friendly, bring proof of vaccination & your own pet supplies)*

**Special Needs Shelter:** South Florida State College  
2251 N.E. Turner Avenue

*To use the special needs shelter, you must be pre-registered (before 5-day forecast cone of a storm).*

For information and application:

[https://desotobocc.com/?/department/emergency\\_management/shelter-information-and-registration](https://desotobocc.com/?/department/emergency_management/shelter-information-and-registration)

or Call 863-993-4831

### Hardee County (Wauchula)

For information contact:

Emergency Management Director  
863-773-6373

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