# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR SEA AIR TOWERS

This booklet is for information purposes only.



Hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Hurricane preparedness remains our best defense in the event of a storm. By properly preparing, you can plan for your personal safety and minimize the damage to your property.

Hurricanes are dangerous!!! Prepare yourself and your property.

START NOW!!!

We have made every effort to make this booklet as accurate as possible based on information available at the time of publication. The latest version will be available on line at our web sitewww.seaairtowerscondo.com

# **SEA AIR TOWERS is in a mandatory evacuation Zone A.**

If you are going to be at SEA AIR TOWERS during any part of a hurricane season, create plans NOW for any necessary evacuation. During a mandatory evacuation, all will be required by law to vacate the building. After the building is prepared for a mandatory evacuation there will be:

- NO power to the units (A/C, Refrigerators, Lights)
- NO staff. No security.
- No elevators, water, hallway and emergency lighting and no emergency services (police, fire and EMS)
- No access to the pool deck or through the lobby doors.

For lesser emergencies that take out power, our generators should be able to provide usage of one elevator, hallway and emergency lighting, but we will NOT have power to the units.

Once a hurricane watch or warning is called you need to put all of your attention into protecting yourself and your family.

<u>Hurricane "Watch"</u> – Hurricane conditions of sustained winds of at least 74 MPH and may strike the area within 48 hours.

<u>Hurricane "Warning</u>" - Hurricane conditions of sustained winds of at least 74 MPH are expected to strike the area within 36 hours. A category 1 storm (75-95 MPH) will classify Sea Air Towers for mandatory evacuation. Follow local emergency management official's advice about evacuation.

## **GENERAL PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE STORM**

- 1. Prior to hurricane season, verify your emergency contact information is current with the management office. To include phone(s) and email address(s).
- 2. Become familiar with Sea Sir Towers emergency policies and procedures.
- 3. Plan in advance for evacuation and learn Sea Air Towers procedures for exiting and returning to your unit. You are responsible for your own arrangements. During some circumstances only the garage entrance will be available.

- 4. Identify storm shelter options- family, friends, hotels, public shelters, or pet friendly shelters.
- 5. Pre-register for special needs shelter if needed.
- 6. Speak to your doctor if you have special medical needs.
- 7. Refill all prescriptions. The emergency refill law may allow you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications, before the refill date, if an emergency is declared. Have a supply of over the counter personal hygiene, first aid and various sundry items that you will need.
- 8. Monitor news and weather reports.
- 9. Check your insurance coverage and have their phone numbers handy if needed.
- 10. Store all important paper, documents and a computer back up disk in a waterproof container.

### PREPARE YOUR UNIT- if the need to evacuate occurs.

During a hurricane "watch" period and until the "all clear" is given, all items must be removed from your balcony. Close the shutters if you have them. If conditions worsen to a "warning" please do the following:

- 1. The management office by law must have a current copy of the unit keys to enter the unit in an event of an emergency. Failure to provide a copy of the unit keys to the law may result in legal action against the unit owner.
- 2. Close all blinds and drapes.
- 3. Move all furniture away from the windows.
- 4. Unplug all electrical appliances except the refrigerator and air-conditioner. Turn off all circuit breakers.
- 5. Turn off unit water with the large water valve in the A/C closet.
- 6. Remove all valuables, pictures, statues and other decorations on top of your furniture and store them in an interior closet.
- 7. If an automobile is left, be sure someone has keys so that it can be moved in an emergency situation.

### **KNOW WHERE TO GO**

- **Evacuation- Hurricane** evacuations are ordered by the Broward County Mayor to protect costal residents from dangerous storm surge, rising water and high winds. The type of evacuation ordered will be based upon the severity of the storm.
- Evacuation Plan A Hurricane Category 1 or 2- All residents east of the Intracoastal Waterway, mobile home residents, residents beside tidal bodies of water and in low-lying areas.

• Evacuation Plan B - Hurricane Category 3 and higher- In addition to those required to evacuate under Plan A, all residents east of U.S. 1(Federal Highway) should evacuate.

### **Mandatory Evacuations**

If you DO NOT evacuate during a mandatory evacuation and you choose to stay be aware:

- 1. The Association is NOT responsible for your safety.
- 2. You are breaking the law.
- 3. EMERGENCY SERVICES: There will be no emergency services 911 calls, medical rescue fire or police during the hurricane.
- 4. STAFF AND SECURITY: There may be no staff on premises. If any personnel stay during a mandatory evacuation, it will only be on a voluntary basis.
- 5. WATER: The domestic water system will be shut down to protect the equipment.
- 6. ELECTRICTY AND ELEVATORS: In the event power is lost, the emergency generator will keep the common area hallways, stairwells, and lobby lights on as well as the use of one elevator. Some situations such as a power surge could take out this emergency electricity.
- 7. AIR CONDITIONING: There will be no air conditioning to the building. The cooling tower will be turned off to protect the equipment.
- 8. TRASH CHUTES: the trach chutes will be shut down.
- 9. ENTRY: Certain entrances and exits will be shuttered and/or san bagged. Garage entrances will be open.
- 10. POOL & POOL DECK: The pool will be shut down and the pool deck door will be shuttered closed.

DURING THE STORM IF YOU DO NOT EVACUATE, STAY INSIDE IN AN INTERIOR ROOM AWAY FROM WINDOWS SUCH AS A CLOSET OR BATHROOM.

STAY TUNED TO A LOCAL RADIO OR TELEVISION FOR INFORMATION FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS.

# WAIT FOR THE "ALL CLEAR" FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS BEFORE GOING OUTSIDE. AFTER THE STORM – IF EVACUTED

- 1. DO NOT attempt to return to Sea Air Towers until local officials say it is safe.
- 2. BEFORE returning, call Sea Air Towers at (954)455-3981 or check your email to be informed if the building is safe to occupancy. We will try to leave a prerecorded instructional message as to whether it is safe to return.
- 3. There might be police or emergency services staff checking your identification.

- 4. If your electricity is out, unplug all appliances. When the power returns, electric surges can damage appliances and electrical equipment and cause a fire.
- 5. Keep all calls to a minimum to allow emergency calls to get through.
- 6. Listen to local news bulletins
- 7. Find out if the water supply is safe BEFORE using it.

# Important Registrations:

### SHELTER REGISTRATION:

Develop a shelter plan, even if your plan is to shelter at home. If you plan to evacuate to a shelter, pre-registration is not required; however, pre-registration is encouraged if you plan on going to a Special Needs Shelter. Call Human Services Department at 954-357-6385 [Call: 954-357-6385] (TTY 954-357-5608 [Call: 954-357-5608]). If you pre-register, you are not obligated to go to the shelter in an emergency. You can change your plans without notice if you make other arrangements.

### TRANSPORTATION REGISTRATION:

Pre-register for paratransit transportation, if you think you may need it. As with shelter registration, you are not obligated to take advantage of the service if your plans change. To pre-register, call Broward County Human Services Department at 954-357-6385 [Call: 954-357-6385] (TTY 954-357-5608 [Call: 954-357-5608]).

### **VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY:**

Residents who are disabled, frail or have health issues should register in advance with the Vulnerable Population Registry. The Registry is not a guarantee of services, but it enables city emergency workers to better respond to vulnerable resident needs in a recovery effort. For more information or to register, visit the Emergency Preparedness for Vulnerable Individuals Web Site, call 311 or 954-831-4000 [Call: 954-831-4000].

**PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER REGISTRATION:** Service animals are accommodated at all shelters. If you plan on sheltering with your pet, however, you must stay at Broward County's pet-friendly shelter at Millennium Middle School in Tamarac, operated by the Humane Society of Broward County and the American Red Cross. Call 954-989-3977 [Call: 954-989-3977], and press 6, or visit www.humanebroward.com. This is a pet-friendly shelter only, and not a General Population Shelter. Preregistration is required, and owners are expected to shelter with their pets and care for them.

### **BROWARD COUNTY Hotline numbers**

•	American Red Cross Hurricane Hotline	(954) 797-3800	
•	Animal Care & Regulation	(954) 359-1313	
•	Broward County Emergency Hotline	(954) 831-4000	or 311
•	Broward Emergency Management Agency	(954) 831-3900	
•	Special Medical Needs Registry Shelter	(954) 357-6385	
•	Police, Fire or Medical Assistance	911	
•	National Hurricane Center	(800)621-3362	
•	Hollywood Emergency Operation Center	(954) 967-4362	

# **Radio Stations**

Hollywood Storm Updates: WQFL 1630 AM

Broward County Emergency Radio Station 610 WIOD AM

National Weather Service (NOAA) tune to: 162.400, 162.425, 162.450, 162.500 MHZ

# **Websites**

NOAA: www.nhc.noaa.gov

National Weather Service South Florida: <a href="www.srh.noaa.gov/mfl">www.srh.noaa.gov/mfl</a>
Broward County Hurricane Hotline: <a href="www.broward.org/hurricane">www.broward.org/hurricane</a>

FEMA: <u>www.fema.gov</u> <u>www.hollywood.org</u>