

THE GARDENS

HURRICANE SEASON REMINDERS

Below is a list of items that you should be aware of and plan ahead for. For comprehensive information go to the www.PinellasCounty.org/ web site

1. Know where your closest shelter is located. Remember most shelters do not allow pets. Check to see which ones do. Make advance arrangements for your pet(s).
2. Build your hurricane survival and evacuation kit (personal and medical supplies and tools). Having proper supplies are very important if you must go to a shelter. (Remember length of stay at shelter is determined by the individual storm event).
3. Remember if you have special needs for evacuation, such as oxygen use, are non-ambulatory, have sight or hearing issues, you **MUST** contact the local fire and police department ahead of time with your list of needs. **Please be aware that giving this information to the authorities is your responsibility.**
4. Before leaving your unit, turn off all water, power, and gas to your unit. For long term evacuation remember to empty your refrigerator.
5. Move all computers, media, electronics, and valuables away from the windows and use protective coverings to secure them against water intrusion.
6. Check to make sure there are no personal property items, such as flowerpots, garden decorations, or lawn furniture left outside, in or near the carports. They become missiles during high wind and can damage not only your property but others as well.
7. Remember to compile your important documents in plastics. Have copies available and gather all the medications you will need to take with you. Make sure to have a full tank of gas for your vehicle. Take enough cash with you to last a few days as the power may be out at banks and ATMS.
8. There may be more information available at your community clubhouse from The Board of Directors if there are particular concerns and directions specific to your Gardens community.

FOR THE CLUBHOUSE AND COMMON AREAS:

1. Secure the pool area by removing all furniture, plants, and fixtures from the pool deck. Remove the gas grill/barbeque equipment and turn off the gas lines.
2. Turn off the pool pump and electricity to the equipment.
3. Turn off the breaker power to the irrigation pump and system.
4. Lock (if possible, the wheels) and secure trash dumpsters and recycle containers as they can become projectiles and damage vehicles and the carports.
5. Secure the shed area if storing pool furniture and other items in it.
6. Remove all items from the carports both below and overhead.
7. Check all roof drains at downspouts and have roof maintenance done to lean gutter systems and scupper areas.
8. Have all trees trimmed ahead of the season. The Palm trees are usually scheduled in May or June,

While all of the above listed precautions are helpful remembers. Please remember the best course of action you can take is to make preparations well ahead of time for your own safety and security and heed an evacuation order for your area if one is given.

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The Florida Senate

2021 Florida Statutes (Including 2021B Session)

<u>Title XL</u> REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY	<u>Chapter 718</u> CONDOMINIUMS <u>Entire Chapter</u>	SECTION 1265 Association emergency powers.
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718.1265 Association emergency powers. —

(1) To the extent allowed by law, unless specifically prohibited by the declaration of condominium, the articles, or the bylaws of an **association**, and consistent with s. 617.0830, the board of administration, in response to damage or injury caused by or anticipated in connection with an **emergency**, as defined in s. 252.34(4), for which a state of **emergency** is declared pursuant to s. 252.36 in the locale in which the condominium is located, may exercise the following powers:

(a) Conduct board meetings, committee meetings, elections, and membership meetings, in whole or in part, by telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication with notice given as is practicable. Such notice may be given in any practicable manner, including publication, radio, United States mail, the Internet, electronic transmission, public service announcements, and conspicuous posting on the condominium property or **association** property or any other means the board deems reasonable under the circumstances. Notice of decisions also may be communicated as provided in this paragraph.

(b) Cancel and reschedule any **association** meeting.

(c) Name as assistant officers persons who are not directors, which assistant officers shall have the same authority as the executive officers to whom they are assistants during the state of **emergency** to accommodate the incapacity or unavailability of any officer of the **association**.

(d) Relocate the **association's** principal office or designate alternative principal offices.

(e) Enter into agreements with local counties and municipalities to assist counties and municipalities with debris removal.

(f) Implement a disaster plan or an **emergency** plan before, during, or following the event for which a state of **emergency** is declared which may include, but is not limited to, shutting down or off elevators; electricity; water, sewer, or security systems; or air conditioners.

(g) Based upon advice of **emergency** management officials or public health officials, or upon the advice of licensed professionals retained by or otherwise available to the board, determine any portion of the condominium property or **association** property unavailable for entry or occupancy by unit owners, family members, tenants, guests, agents, or invitees to protect the health, safety, or welfare of such persons.

(h) Require the evacuation of the condominium property in the event of a mandatory evacuation order in the locale in which the condominium is located. Should any unit owner or other occupant of a condominium fail or refuse to evacuate the condominium property or **association** property where the board has required evacuation, the **association** shall be immune from liability or injury to persons or property arising from such failure or refusal.

(i) Based upon advice of **emergency** management officials or public health officials, or upon the advice of licensed professionals retained by or otherwise available to the board, determine whether the condominium property, **association** property, or any portion thereof can be safely inhabited, accessed, or occupied. However, such determination is not conclusive as to any determination of habitability pursuant to the declaration.

(j) Mitigate further damage, injury, or contagion, including taking action to contract for the removal of debris and to prevent or mitigate the spread of fungus or contagion, including, but not limited to, mold or mildew, by removing and disposing of wet drywall, insulation, carpet, cabinetry, or other fixtures on or within the condominium property, even if the unit owner is obligated by the declaration or law to insure or replace those fixtures and to remove personal property from a unit.

(k) Contract, on behalf of any unit owner or owners, for items or services for which the owners are otherwise individually responsible, but which are necessary to prevent further injury, contagion, or damage to the condominium

property or **association** property. In such event, the unit owner or owners on whose behalf the board has contracted are responsible for reimbursing the **association** for the actual costs of the items or services, and the **association** may use its lien authority provided by s. 718.116 to enforce collection of the charges. Without limitation, such items or services may include the drying of units, the boarding of broken windows or doors, the replacement of damaged air conditioners or air handlers to provide climate control in the units or other portions of the property, and the sanitizing of the condominium property or **association** property, as applicable.

(l) Regardless of any provision to the contrary and even if such authority does not specifically appear in the declaration of condominium, articles, or bylaws of the **association**, levy special assessments without a vote of the owners.

(m) Without unit owners' approval, borrow money and pledge **association** assets as collateral to fund **emergency** repairs and carry out the duties of the **association** when operating funds are insufficient. This paragraph does not limit the general authority of the **association** to borrow money, subject to such restrictions as are contained in the declaration of condominium, articles, or bylaws of the **association**.

(2) The special **powers** authorized under subsection (1) shall be limited to that time reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the **association** and the unit owners and the unit owners' family members, tenants, guests, agents, or invitees and shall be reasonably necessary to mitigate further damage, injury, or contagion and make **emergency** repairs.

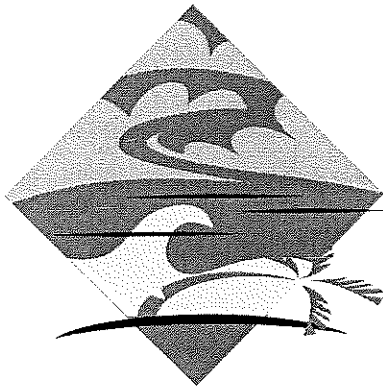
(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1)(f)-(i), during a state of **emergency** declared by executive order or proclamation of the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36, an **association** may not prohibit unit owners, tenants, guests, agents, or invitees of a unit owner from accessing the unit and the common elements and limited common elements appurtenant thereto for the purposes of ingress to and egress from the unit and when access is necessary in connection with:

- (a) The sale, lease, or other transfer of title of a unit; or
- (b) The habitability of the unit or for the health and safety of such person unless a governmental order or determination, or a public health directive from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been issued prohibiting such access to the unit. Any such access is subject to reasonable restrictions adopted by the **association**.

History.—s. 15, ch. 2008-28; s. 9, ch. 2021-99.

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HURRICANE SEASON NEARLY IS HERE!

Now that Hurricane Season is nearly upon us, if you leave your unit unattended for more than 48 hours, there are several things you need to do to prepare the property. Storms can happen quickly, so you want to ensure the safety of your neighbors and the protection of your property.

1. Remove all exterior items from your balcony, decks, or entrance way. This includes furniture, plants, etc. These items may become projectiles that cause injury to others or damage to personal property.
2. Make sure someone is looking after your unit for you so they can check for any damage following a storm event. This is not a service the association can provide for you.
3. Turn off your water to prevent leaks that could damage your unit, other units or the common property of the association.
4. Make sure your unit A/C is set at a temperature that will not allow for the growth of mold and mildew.
5. Ensure you leave emergency contact information with the association so you can receive notification in the event of a storm event while you are gone.

Thanks for your assistance. Additional notices and preparation points will be shared as the season approaches.



Evacuation Preparation Points

- 1. PEOPLE:** Have a plan for getting out of the house and make sure everyone knows it. Have an emergency bag of food and water for your family. Wholesome snacks and treats for the children: dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, crackers and granola bars.
- 2. PETS:** Keep pet carriers, leashes, and food readily available to lead pets to safety.
- 3. PICTURES:** Keep negatives or CDs of pictures in a lock box, or at a family member's home. Have picture albums in one place ready to grab and go at a moment's notice.
- 4. PAPERS:** To keep you from panicking, have all your important papers in a lock box at a bank and only keep copies at the house. If you have them at home then put them in a folder that you can grab easily if you have to move fast. Color code it so you can find it!
- 5. PRESCRIPTIONS:** Take your medications with you. Don't forget the ones that have to be refrigerated, like insulin. Have a small ice chest and cold packs readily accessible to pack and go. If you have babies; remember their formula or medications.
- 6. PURSES:** This is where you keep your identification, credit cards and cash. Keep a stash of cash for emergencies because an ATM may not be available in the event of a power outage.
- 7. PROPER CLOTHES and COMFORT ITEMS:** According to the weather conditions; gather up a change of clothes along with outer clothing: coats, rain gear, boots, gloves and hats. If you have babies remember diapers. Remember to grab your children's favorite blanket, stuffed animal or toy. A game or a deck of cards could keep them occupied and calm too.
- 8. PLANNER/CALENDAR/CONTROL JOURNAL:** These sources of information have what you will need for phone numbers, insurance numbers and important dates. They are small and filled with things you won't have to try to remember.
- 9. PHONES, RADIOS, FUEL FOR THE CAR:** Always keep your cell phones charged up and have a charger in the car, or an extra battery. Cell service may be slow or interrupted in the event of power outages, but they still can be useful. Regular phones that do not operate with electricity will still function when power fails. Keep your battery powered radio tuned to a local station and have

plenty of batteries for it. Filling station gas pumps don't work without power, therefore, you should keep the fuel tank in your car full in order to drive at least a few hours. Evacuation routes are usually bumper to bumper traffic so having a full tank will help to keep you less stressed.

10. PATIENCE: This is one of the most important things to take. In the event of an evacuation there will be lots of displaced people and being patient will make things less stressful. When others see you calm and collected, this will help keep them calm also, especially with children.

PINELLAS COUNTY EVACUATION ASSISTANCE/SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION

Registration for: ☐ Special Needs Shelter ☐ Transport Assistance ☐ Both
Once this registration form is processed, you will be contacted by your local Fire Department

LAST: _____ FIRST: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

STREET ADDRESS: _____ APT# _____ LOT#: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ EMAIL: _____ LIVING SITUATION: ☐ ALONE ☐ RELATIVE ☐ OTHER

☐ SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE ☐ MOBILE HOME ☐ APT/CONDO COMPLEX/PARK NAME: _____

DO YOU HAVE A PET: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ Arrangements for pets completed. If not, call 727-582-2600 for assistance.

NUMBER OF DOGS _____ Approx. Weight _____ NUMBER OF CATS _____ NUMBER OF BIRDS _____ TOTAL ANIMALS _____

PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN _____

RESIDENCY: ☐ PERMANENT ☐ TEMPORARY If Temporary, START DATE _____ END DATE _____

What assistance do you require? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY			
☐ Walking ☐ Standing ☐ Transferring to a Bed ☐ Communicating	☐ Bathing and Showering ☐ Dressing ☐ Toileting ☐ Feeding	☐ Wound Care ☐ Ostomy ☐ Catheter ☐ Incontinence/Diapers	List other assistance required _____ _____
MOBILITY ASSESSMENT I am ambulatory- able to move on own? Yes ☐ No ☐ ☐ I am bedridden ☐ I use a wheelchair ☐ Able to stand with assistance ☐ Unable to stand with assistance I weigh over 400 Pounds ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes -- approx. weight _____	ELECTRIC DEPENDENT ☐ CPAP/BPAP ☐ Oxygen: _____ LPM _____ No. of hours daily ☐ Ventilator ☐ Concentrator ☐ Nebulizer ☐ Feeding Pump ☐ Suction Pump ☐ Cardiac Monitor ☐ Medicine requires refrigeration? If yes, what? ☐ Dialysis	COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT ☐ Alzheimer's/ Dementia ☐ Psychiatric Disorder ☐ Obsessive Compulsive ☐ Depression ☐ Self-injurious or danger to others List Other Cognitive or Special Need Issues _____ _____ _____	SPECIAL CARE ☐ Feeding Tube ☐ Unable to swallow ☐ 24 hour feedings ☐ For medications only ☐ Syringe feedings only <u>Client must bring all supplies needed for care to the shelter.</u> ☐ Diabetes ☐ Insulin Dependent ☐ Oral Medication (pills) Do you have a DO NOT RESUSCITATE Order? ☐ Yes (Please bring D.N.R.) ☐ No Questions? Call Health Department -- 727-824-6932

Have you PREARRANGED to go to a:
☐ Hospital ☐ Nursing Home ☐ ALF ☐ Other: _____

Name of PREARRANGED facility where you will be evacuating to _____
 ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

DOCTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

☐ Do you receive HOSPICE: NAME _____ TEAM ID _____ PHONE _____

☐ Do you receive HOME HEALTH: NAME _____ PHONE _____

Emergency Contact

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____

I certify that at least one caretaker/companion will accompany me ☐ YES HOW MANY _____

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____

Is caregiver registered in Special Needs database? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Form completed by (PRINT NEATLY): _____ Relationship: _____ Phone # _____
If not completed by the applicant, do you currently possess a Power of Attorney for the individual? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Applicant Signature
By signing this form I give my authorization for the medical information contained herein to be released to the county health department, emergency management, local fire districts and receiving facilities for the purpose of evaluating my needs and providing emergency transportation and sheltering. Records relating to registration of disabled citizens are exempt for the provisions of F.S. 119.07(1), Public Records Law. The information contained here will be kept confidential.
Signature _____ Date _____