

**Hurricane Plan**

I. Introduction

**The purpose of this plan is to establish a general procedure to be followed by the Board of Directors, Management and all residents of OASIS SINGER ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. in the event that Association property is threatened with a tropical cyclone (hurricane) emergency.**

**Hurricane Terminology**

- A. Advisory: Weather advisory messages issued by the National Hurricane Center concerning tropical storms and hurricanes. An advisory states details relative to the location, intensity, and direction.
- B. Bulletin: A weather bulletin is a public release from the National Hurricane Center during periods between advisories, which announce the latest details on the tropical storm or hurricane
- C. Evacuation Notice: There are two forms of evacuation notices: Voluntary and mandatory. The voluntary notice is usually issued by the Emergency Operations Center. The notice recommends and encourages persons living in the affected area to evacuate and move to areas of safety. The governing body issues the mandatory evacuation notice, which, in most cases, is the County Commission. State law requires persons in the mandatory evacuation area to comply with the notice once given. Failure to comply could result in arrest; however, most law enforcement agencies will not arrest persons refusing to comply.
- D. Hurricane: A violent storm originating over tropical waters with winds near its center reaching 74 mph and higher. In size, the storm may range from 50 to 1,000 miles in diameter.
- E. Hurricane Classification:

Category Strength	Wind Velocity	Storm Surge	Storm
Class 1	74-95 mph	4 - 5 feet	Minimal
Class 2	96-110 mph	6 - 8 feet	Moderate
Class 3	111-130 mph	9-12feet	Extensive
Class 4	131-155 mph	13-18 feet	Extreme
Class 5	over 155 mph	over18feet	Catastrophic

- F. Hurricane Watch: An advance statement issued by the Hurricane Center indicating that a hurricane is near and that attention should be given to subsequent advisories. It implies the possibility of dangerous conditions within 24 to 48 hours.
- G. Hurricane Warning: A warning indicates that hurricane winds of 74 mph (64 Knots) and higher, or a combination of dangerously high water and rough seas are expected at a specific costal area. When a hurricane warning is announced, hurricane conditions are considered imminent and may begin immediately or at least within the next 12 to 24 hours.
- H. Shelter, Emergency: An emergency shelter is one that has been designated, approved and staffed by the American Red Cross. Most approved shelters are located in schools through out the area and open based upon the category of the storm.
- I. Tropical Storm: Is a warm core tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind is the range of 39 to 73 mph (34 - 63 Knots).
- J. Tropical Storm Watch: Is an announcement for specific areas that a tropical storm or forecast of tropical storm conditions poses a possible threat to coastal areas, generally within 36 hours. A tropical storm watch will normally be issued if the system is forecast to attain hurricane strength.
- K. Tropical Storm Warning: A warning is issued when tropical storm conditions, including sustained winds in the range of 39 to 73 mph, are expected in a specific area within 24 hours or less.

## II. Unit Owners Pre-season planning and preparation

The official Hurricane season is June 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

- A Identify all of your important papers (birth certificates, deeds, titles, etc.) and place them in a safety deposit box, or purchase a water and fire proof container to store them.
- B. Identify valuable property and record any serial numbers.

A video camera is useful in recording items such as jewelry, which doesn't have serial numbers. Any list or recording of property should be placed with your other important papers. Assemble an emergency kit. The kit should contain, but is not limited to the following items:

Flashlight	Battery operated AM/FM Radio	Spare Batteries
First Aid Kit	Nonperishable food items	Eating
Utensils		
Water	Manual can opener	
	Mosquito/Insect Repellent	

## Extra Garbage Bags

## Medicine

1. Make sure that you can close your hurricane shutters. (Notify the manager if you will need assistance.)
2. If you have any special needs (assistance walking, medicine refrigeration, etc.) notify the manager to be assure that when the Emergency Center is operational your needs can be met.
3. If you plan to leave your unit for a short vacation or for the summer, it is imperative that each owner either close their hurricane shutters and/or make arrangements relative to removing all items from their balconies not protected by storm shutters and to close their shutters. (Note: Volunteers are limited during emergency situations and their assistance is necessary to handle the common areas of Oasis Singer Island Condominium Association, Inc. The Oasis Singer Island Condominium Association, Inc. Board of Directors has instituted a charge of \$150 for securing a unit owners balcony before a storm.)
4. Decide where you will go if you must evacuate. Prepare in advance and plan your route, and an alternate, and have a current map on hand. If you need special consideration to evacuate (because of age, physical disability, medical needs, etc), register with the county's civil defense and office of emergency management.

**III. Unit Owners: Pre-storm planning** should commence upon the issuance of either a Tropical Storm Warning or Hurricane Watch. During this time you will be faced with the decision to stay or evacuate. (Don't be misled by landfall predictions; strong winds could arrive hours before official landfall and many miles away from the eye. In either event, you will need to take the following precautions.)

**When a tropical cyclone threatens, it shall be the individual responsibility of each resident to adequately prepare their apartment for a hurricane emergency by taking the appropriate measures and by following the recommended safety rules.**

**When a hurricane Warning has been issued for the Palm Beach area: the Board of Directors will activate the Emergency Center.**

**\*Emergency Center: The Property Manger's office, telephone 561 848-0225 is established as the Oasis Singer Island Condominium Association, Inc. Emergency Center, in order to provide a central location for the dissemination of information, the screening of all emergency calls and the direction of all routine and emergency action. The Center will be manned and operated as directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with this plan. As an element of the Center, a Pre/Post Storm unit is established under the Direction of the Property Manager.**

***Close your hurricane shutters and remove all patio furniture and other items from your balcony.***

- A. Turn refrigerator/freezer to their coldest settings.
- B. Fill your vehicle fuel tank.
- C. Get cash, enough for four or five days.
- D. Direct all requests for information and assistance and report all emergencies to the Emergency Center. Do not call the gatehouse or the Security Office unless directed.
- E. If you evacuate, plan to leave early: When you hear the official evacuation warning, it is often too late to get out of the area, but that is what you should consider. Individuals that are medically challenged should make arrangements to move to a location that can provide the necessary support.
  - 1. Notify the building manager you are leaving, provide a temporary address and phone number.
  - 2. Turn off the water.
  - 3. Disconnect your electrical appliances (except for your refrigerator).
  - 4. Eat something before you leave.
  - 5. Empty your refrigerator of perishable items, either take items with you or throwing away what can not be carried. (Expect to lose electricity.)
  - 6. Bring all prescription medications, special medical devices and a thermometer.
  - 7. Certification of emergency medical needs.
  - 8. Pack personal hygiene items (soap, wash cloths, toothbrush and paste, deodorant, first aid kit, pain relievers.
  - 9. Eyeglasses and hearing aids (Spare pair of glasses and extra batteries for hearing aids.)
  - 10. Take a change of clothing, nonperishable food, flashlight, batteries, portable AM/FM radio, eating utensils, manual can opener, insect repellent and cash.
  - 11. Take important papers with you (insurance policies, property inventory, and proof of residence).
  - 12. Extra pillows and bedding for family members.
  - 13. Plan enough supplies to last each family member five days.
- F. If you are staying in your Condo:
  - 1. Make all necessary purchases of recommended emergency items.
  - 2. Prepare an emergency water supply. Store water in clean airtight containers. Sterilize and fill the bathtub and empty jugs with water. You should have one gallon per person with enough of a supply to last

a week. (You may want to purchase a tube of silicone caulk for sealing the bath tub drain.)

3. Store bottled drinking water before the rush begins.
4. Charge rechargeable cellular phones
5. Have plenty of canned food and a manual can opener, perishable food items will spoil quickly if electricity is lost and refrigerators are inoperable.
6. Check any prescriptions you have to make sure you have a week or more supply.
7. Check your first aid kit to make sure it's properly stocked and over-the-counter medications have not expired.
8. Have several batteries to power radios, flashlights and lanterns.
9. Expect to lose power. Make sure you have flashlights with in reach.
10. When you have completed all your preparations and you are able to assist the building manager, notify him that you are available to help with some of the building activities. While many of the pre storm activities require physical labor, volunteers are needed to answer the phone and take messages.
11. Remember that the elevators will be shut down with the exception of the B elevator one day before the storm. The B elevator will be shut down prior to the storm approaching.
12. Park your automobile in your assigned covered parking place.

#### G. After the storm

1. Stay tuned to local media and/or NOAA radio
2. Inspect your unit for damage.
3. Don't call the police, emergency or utility officials unless you have a life threatening emergency.
4. Law enforcement agencies will often put curfews in-place following a storm.
5. If electricity is out in Oasis Singer Island Condominium Association, Inc., the elevators will be working with the emergency lights.
6. Don't leave the building until emergency officials tell you it's safe and then be careful.
7. Avoid driving as much as possible. If you must be on the road, remember that many traffic signals may be inoperative. Treat all intersections as though they are a 4-way stop.

**Some important Telephone Numbers:**

Ambulance-medical assistance, fire and police departments  
(Emergency Only) 911

Riviera beach Police (non Emergency)

(561) 845-4123

Oasis Singer Island Condominium Association, Inc. Property Manager

(561)- 848-0225

Sheriffs Department - Palm Beach County (Non Emergency)

(561)-688-3000

Emergency Disaster Service - Palm Beach County

(561)-712-6400

Special Care Shelters Palm - Beach County

(561)-712-6400

Gatehouse to speak to security personnel

(561) 881-3599