

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Hurricane 7-Day Supply List

- Evacuation Plan
- Emergency Communication Plan
- Flashlights
- Extra Batteries
- Portable Radio/TV with Weather Band
- Ice/Ice Coolers
- Gas Grill/Propane Gas for BBQ Grill
- Charcoal Grill/Charcoal/Lighter Fluid
- Sterno
- Matches
- Manual Can Opener
- 1 Gallon of Water Per Person/Per Day
- Comfort Foods (Candy/Gum)
- Ready to Eat Canned Foods
- High Energy/Specials Foods
- 2 Week Supply of Medication
- Vitamins
- First Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Baby Food/Diapers/Wipes
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Toilet Paper/Towelettes
- Soap, Liquid Detergent
- Unscented Household Bleach
- Paper Plates/Disposable Utensils
- Trash Bags
- Safety Box for Valuable Documents
- Cash
- Insurance Papers
- Change of Clothes
- Sturdy Shoes
- Heavy Gloves
- Full Tank of Gas in Each Vehicle
- Charge Cell Phones
- Backup Computer USB
- Disposable Camera
- Duct Tape
- Mosquito Repellent
- Entertainment Items
- Pet Foods/Medication

Notice to all Homeowners – Part I

The following procedures are the TCMA Hurricane Preparedness Procedures according to our manual.

When the weather bureau issues a hurricane watch for our area, the TCMA Facility enters **Shutdown** mode. It is the TCMA Board of Directors, Managers and staff's responsibility to make sure the TCMA property is protected.

There are over 100 windows and doors that must be shuttered to prevent serious and expensive damage.

Prior to the actual storm, there are those infamous outer bands that come in strong, therefore shutters must go up while the weather cooperates with us. In order for this to happen, we will close the facility.

In addition to shutters, we must remove all outside items such as planters, garbage pails, ashtrays, lounges, chairs, tables, golf carts, and secure what we can't lift. There are extensive indoor preparations as well. We back up all computers, gather and store all corporate papers, and then we cover all work stations and offices with plastic in the event of roof leaks.

Although the facility will appear up and running, we are doing what is necessary. Residents at this point in the building or pool area will be subject to hazardous conditions.

This is why we must shut down the entire facility to residents and their guests.

It is fortunate that we have such dedicated staff members who work extremely hard to get the job done in time. Once the TCMA is fully secured, employees are then sent home to prepare their homes as well. They have put the TCMA first.

After the storm passes and upon an All Clear, the TCMA Board and Management Team report to work to perform an assessment of damage to each facility. Pictures and videos are taken and documentation is made. After this, cleanup procedures can begin.

Staff is called in and they labor as quickly as possible to get everything back to normal so the facilities can be re-opened. In the event of damage, some will travel distances and deal with gas shortages, downed traffic signals and debris on the road. Some manage to get in sooner than others, but at one short point, the entire staff is here.

It may take time to get electricity or water and telephones back to normal. Remember, our goal is to open this facility ASAP after a storm. We just ask for your patience and understanding while we achieve this. Our contractors are on call prior to the storm and are ready when needed.

If a **movie, show, Ballroom rental or TCMA special event** is scheduled during this time, and in the event that phone service is not in operation and it's impossible to contact residents, a sign will be posted on all buildings regarding the status of the event.

As always, Administration is available to assist you. Any questions, please call 954-973-8094, ext. 101.

Notice to all Homeowners - Part II

Coconut Creek Police Department wants to get the word out to our residents that they must be prepared in the event of a threatened hurricane for a minimum of 7 days. This would include food, water, medications, etc. Originally, the Police Department requested we be prepared for 72 hours after a storm. They are now requesting that this be changed to 7 days.

Emergency distribution pods that provide ice, water and other items may not be available for this length of time. Some of you after Wilma were not prepared for the first 7 days. This is something we need to avoid so that the City of Coconut Creek personnel can attend to true emergencies. Also, after a storm hits and all is over, stay at home. Driving around to view damage down the road is senseless. If you are not an on-call emergency employee then you are at risk and heading for danger.

Allow FPL and emergency crews to clear any downed lines and road debris. Also, save your gas. It's precious now...no stores will be opened for business anyway. If we prepared for 7 days, we won't need to be looking for stores to be opened! During this time, check on your neighbor, family and friends.

CocoALERT is Coconut Creek's emergency notification system. Sign up at www.coconutcreek.net/alert to get calls, texts, or emails for direct outreach in times of crisis.

Special Needs

Individuals with special needs are encouraged to make arrangements, in advance, for sheltering and evacuation transportation, if needed. Read the information provided below before you register.

Special Needs Shelters

If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than that provided at a General Population Shelter, but you do not require hospitalization or a medical institution, a Special Needs Shelter may be appropriate for you. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. They are staffed by qualified medical personnel and have back-up electricity for limited lighting and essential medical equipment. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to accompany you.

Special Needs Shelters are appropriate if you:

- have minor health/medical condition(s) that require professional observation, assessment, and maintenance
- require assistance with personal care and/or assistance with medications but do not require hospitalization or a medical institution
- need assistance with medication administration and/or vital sign readings and are unable to do so without professional assistance.

Reasonable accommodation will be made for shelter residents with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need transfer assistance, sign language interpretation and other auxiliary aids, or a quiet zone for a cognitive disability or mental health need, call 954-831-3902 or TTY 954-831-3940 for the most updated information. Residents with service animals are welcome at all shelter sites so long as the pet meets the requirements under Federal law. Visit [ADA Requirements for Service Animals](#) for additional information.