Hurricane Prep To-Do List

January- April
Do you have copies of your insurance policies?
Are the policies paid up to date?
Do you have a phone number readily available to call for claims?
Do you have your agent's contact information?
Do you have a resource who is available for relief services?
What is the priority if what relief services are most important to you?
What additional charges may occur that Association should budget for?
Do you have contact numbers for landscapers, security, etc.?
Will your landscapers be readily available, or will they evacuate?
What type of security may or may not be needed if owners evacuate and are unable to return in a prompt manner?
Are generators available and working?
Do periodic maintenance checks
Have contracts and contacts available for generators, elevators, construction, and other miscellaneous services deemed important to your Association
Are Association records stored on a secure internet platform?
Are hardcopies of Association records stored in waterproof tight Ziploc bags in a fireproof box?
Did you ask your agent for a Hurricane Preparedness guide?
May- June
Do an inspection of your community
Videotape the common areas and buildings for before pictures (with timestamp)
You may like to hire an engineer for a formal report
Are supplies purchased and available? (Batteries, flashlights, radio)
Update Unit Owner and Board contact lists
Are hurricane shutters, windows, doors, garages in good condition and secure?
Tree trimming: Make sure trees are properly trimmed and dead branches are removed
Does Association have keys to each unit? May be important if owners evacuate and damage is inside
When a Storm is on the Way
The Association's "To Do" List
Emergency Board Meeting to review the responsibilities of each person
Emergency Community Meeting for any residents who may have questions
Have bookkeeper pay any invoices or complete paperwork that is urgent for up to 5 days
Ensure all paperwork and electronic records are available
Unplug electronics and appliances in common areas and office
Determine who should have checks to pay for the beginning of restoration projects
Bring any outdoor furniture, potted plants, recycling bins, dumpsters inside
Propane tanks should be shut off
Common area Air conditioning units should be shut off
Landscaping irrigation systems should be turned off
Board and windows and doors that Board agreed upon
Place sandbags and barriers as outlined in Association's Preparedness guide

After the Storm

Account for the whereabouts of residents and attend to any injured Secure the property to avoid any type of vandalism and looting, as well as keeping people out of dangerous areas

Document damage with video and photographs

Call appropriate restoration and maintenance companies and attorney

Call your insurance agent

Shore up building structures to mitigate further damage

Remove any wet carpets, wall boards, cabinetry to prevent mold growth

Outline priority needs

Be aware that most damage is not apparent to the naked eye and a trained expert should be called in