

HURRICANE READINESS TIPS

The Valencia Board knows hurricane season has begun. We need to be prepared. You need to make a plan far in advance of any storm so you are not caught unawares.

When a storm is on the horizon please make sure there are no items outside your unit which can become projectiles and cause damage to your home or your neighbor's property.

For your safety, please inform your walk director where you will be during and after the storm. Leave emergency contact information, and email address with director.

For insurance purposes it would be a good idea to either take a video or pictures of your entire unit. If you have special pieces make sure those are photographed as well. If the pictures and videos are on your phone email them to yourself so it can be accessed remotely.

Before the storm hits:

– make both paper copies and online scans (if possible) of all your important papers such as drivers' license, passport, insurance policies, bank accounts and credit card accounts.

–Make sure you have cash on hand. Fill your cars' gas tank as soon as you hear about the storm.

–Place all these papers in a waterproof baggie. Include a copy of all your medications with the doctors and pharmacy information.

– You should have a supply of batteries and flashlights.

– A weather radio would also be helpful.

–You should have a 5 day supply of water and non-perishable food on hand. Please have at least a gallon of water per person per day.

–Fill bathtub with water.

–Food items such as tuna, peanut butter, cold cereal, canned fruit, jelly, crackers, snacks, jerky, dried fruit and nuts are good choices. – Paper plates, a manual can opener, paper towels, garbage bags and wipes should also be included.

– A fully stocked first aid kit should be on hand. If you wear hearing aids have extra batteries ready.

If you wish to go to a shelter, there are special needs shelters for medical issues. You can register now for these shelters by calling The PBC Shelter Coordinator at 561-712-6400. You can get more information at WWW.ReadyPBC.com. If you are sheltering in place make sure you have sufficient medications on hand for at least 10 days. Plan for your pets accordingly. Remember do not expect to have power for many days after the storm. If possible please evacuate if there is potential for storm to strike. Help may not arrive until the streets are cleared.

Since we never know what will occur, it is a good idea to pack a **Go Bag** with 2 changes of clothing and undergarments, flashlight, batteries, books or puzzles, and you can include your baggies of essential papers. If there is an issue you can add your medications and be ready to evacuate in minutes.

Thank You! Be Prepared and be safe!