

BELLA TRAE C.A.R.E.S.

HURRICANE PREPARDNESS 2020

BEFORE THE HURRICANE (COMMUNITY)

When a hurricane is forecast for the area, and depending on the category of the storm:

- 1) The clubhouse may be shut down approx. 3 days before the storm. Management may have to leave the premises 24-48 hours prior. Clubhouse preparation takes some time and employees must prepare for this and obey curfews.
- 2) The gates will be opened. The greeters will not be present. The traffic bars will be removed. The front entrance building will be boarded up. This will be usually the day before the storm arrives. Ramco will set their timing depending on the circumstances.
- 3) The Vendor for the elevator will schedule the closing of the elevators at the Ventura's
- 4) Garbage bins will be emptied as close to the storm arriving as possible then bungee closed.
- 5) Recycle bin will be emptied and locked.
- 6) There will be communications and emails with all this information sent to residents. We are on our own at this point!

BEFORE THE HURRICANE (RESIDENTS)

- 1) Get to know your neighbors. Introduce yourself and find out who is staying and who is leaving. Ask how many people will be in the condo. Even ask about pets and perhaps any special needs to consider. Since calling 911 may not be an option for a prompt response, your neighbor may be your best option.
- 2) Follow the "**CHECKLIST**" to help collect the necessities you will need. Assume you will have no power for up to 1 week (so far that has not happened in Bella Trae).
- 3) Sandbags are helpful to place in front of your doors if you are concerned about water intrusion. Information about where to obtain them will be provided.

- 4) List personal belongings you have in your home. Take a video of everything including inside your closets and drawers. Video everything.
- 5) Clear out Lanai completely! Remove carpets, plants, chairs from your front door. EVERYTHING becomes a projectile in high winds which can endanger you and your neighbors. A chair through your window can make all the difference between no issues and total disaster. Remove flags and poles if possible. If you plan on taking a trip during HURRICANE SEASON, be prepared to have someone remove your items should your plans change, and you decide your not going to make it back in time.
- 6) Make sure all fire extinguishers are quickly available. Review how to use them.
- 7) Make large bricks of ice in your freezer using all spaces. If power is lost the ice will help keep things longer.
- 8) Towels ready to be placed in front of doors and windowsills.
- 9) Back up your phones and computers. Charge up everything.
- 10) Make your phone list of important numbers on PAPER.
- 11) Lock down your garage door from the inside. There is a pin you push. This makes the garage even safer. (up to winds of 108 MPH) Place all vehicles inside your garage if possible.
- 12) Flooding may be a problem (on the first level) Take things off the floor if you can) Have buckets, mops, and towels ready.
- 13) Make a **"GO BAG"**
- 14) Fill out HURRICANE EMERGENCY form and let the clubhouse know if you are going to be here or away and how to get in contact with you.

DURING THE HURRICANE

It will be noisy. Have earplugs if you think it will bother you. Hurricanes can last many hours.

Do not leave your unit until the wind dies down enough to walk safely. (Less than 35 miles per hour)

Stay calm.

DO NOT OPEN DOORS. Not even a patio sliding door. The wind force can be greater that your ability to close even a few inches. (do not let out your pets)

Flooding may be your worst problem.

AFTER THE HURRICANE

- 1) Wait for winds to die down before venturing out.
- 2) Assess damage to your entire building if possible.
- 3) Help neighbors if possible (if you are comfortable doing so)
- 4) DO NOT LEAVE GARBAGE/RECYCLE OUTSIDE. If the bins are still closed leave your garbage in your garage, lanai or in your house. Do not throw it in front of the bins or in your hallway. Announcements will be made when it is safe to use bins.
- 5) Bella Trae Volunteers will be walking around. (perhaps yellow vests and clip boards)

If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact us at:

BELLATRAECARES@GMAIL.COM

Websites the help keep you well informed:

AMERICAN RED CROSS

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepre-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/hurricane.html>

OSCEOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

<https://www.osceola.org/agencies-departments/emergency-management/>

STATE OF FLORIDA

<https://www.stateofflorida.com/articles/hurricane-preparedness-guide/>



GO BAG CONTENTS

Basic electronics Pack an extra phone charger in case you're fortunate enough to have electricity, and a portable battery pack in case you're not. Also stash a long-lasting LED flashlight. Pack a small hand-cranked or battery operated AM/FM radio (with extra batteries).

Personal needs

While getting ready for a typical day, list every toiletry you use, then buy a [travel-size version](#) of each. Pack backup eyeglasses, as well as a first-aid kit, baby wipes and a multipurpose tool with a knife and can opener.

Clothing

Pack a few days' worth. Include layers you can add or remove, plus lightweight rain gear and waterproof boots.

Your meds

Pack about three days' worth of each of your [prescriptions](#), which should last until you can get to a pharmacy that's open. If you need larger items, such as an oxygen tank, make sure you have a portable version.

The perfect bag

Think small and portable. A backpack is ideal, but a lightweight suitcase with wheels will also do. Just remember, you may literally be running with it.

Paperwork

Fill a zip-top waterproof bag with photocopies of your birth certificate; driver's license; Social Security and Medicare cards; power of attorney and will; any marriage, adoption or naturalization certificates; proof of address; insurance, medical and immunization records; and information about your credit and ATM cards.

Food and drink

Bottled water is essential. Granola or energy bars are great because they are small and filling, and they come in a variety of flavors.

Cash

In addition to enough money for a few days, include small bills and a roll of quarters. If you need to buy something out of a vending machine, you don't want to start asking equally desperate strangers for change.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



Food and Supplies for Severe Weather

No one wants to think about a hurricane, tornado, or other major storm system visiting your area, but it's better to be prepared to protect your home and family. With this checklist, you can ensure you have the necessary materials on

hand at home. KEY SUPPLIES



- Water** – 1 gallon per 1 person per day. For a family of 4 for 5

days, you need 20 gallons. Save water in a bathtub for basic sanitation and dishwashing, but do not drink this water.

- First Aid Kit** – Band-Aids, bandages, antibiotic ointment, bleach and a medicine dropper so you can create water disinfectant (6 drops of bleach for every 1 gallon of water), hand sanitizer, any necessary medications, hygiene products, and baby products.
- Flashlight** – 1 fl flashlight per family member and the correct size of extra batteries.
- Tool Kit** – A basic set of tools: hammer, nails, screws, screwdriver, pliers, and knife.
- Sanitation Products** – Toilet paper, moist towelettes, and plastic garbage bags in different sizes. You need to keep waste away from your family and other supplies until local services

like water and trash have been FOOD restored.



Your family needs to accumulate at least a five-day supply of nonperishable food that requires no refrigeration and little preparation.

This includes:

- Dry cereal
- Canned goods: fruit, vegetables, juice, soups, meats, pasta, beans
- Nuts
- Peanut butter
- Bread
- Crackers
- Granola and energy bars
- Un-refrigerated fruit: bananas, apples, oranges
- Pet food
- Baby food and bottles
- Rice and pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Seasoning
- Oats
- Rain gear

Paper towels OTHER ITEMS



- Paper towels
- Duct Tape
- Garbage bags
- Aluminum foil
- Mosquito repellent
- Grill
- Charcoal
- Lighter
- Lighter fluid
- Cash
- Manual can opener
- Large sealable bags to store important documents
- At least ONE fully-charged cellular phone
- Strike anywhere matches
- Resealable sandwich bags
- Hand sanitizer
- Dish soap
- Paper plates and cups
- Plastic utensils
- Pet leash, collar, food bowls and carrier
- Baby diapers, wipes and rash ointment

IF YOU DO LOSE POWER, FOLLOW THIS THREE-STEP PROCEDURE

- 1** Eat perishable items in your pantry, refrigerator, etc.
- 2** Eat perishable items in your freezer. As long as food contains ice crystals in the center, that means it's still safe to eat.
- 3** Eat your stock of non-perishable items.

SOURCES:

1) <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/f&web.pdf>

2) <http://www.directenergy.com/blog/top-five-hurricane-preparedness-products>