

OCEANS FOUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Hurricane Season

2022 Revised Emergency Preparedness Guide

A Pamphlet of Tips & Information for Emergency Preparedness

Oceans Four, due to its coastal location, has compiled this Emergency Preparedness Guide, as an adjunct to the information that is widely-available from governmental authorities, insurance companies, and others.

Oceans Four urges you to take time, in advance, to develop a plan for your family, should you be faced with a disaster. There are many fine websites available, including www.volusia.org/storm. Other useful sites can be found on the web by searching on one of the search engines for "emergency preparedness" and similar keywords. Should you have any questions about the emergency equipment at Oceans Four, please contact the Management Office.

All residents should become familiar with the contents of this Guide, and a copy of it should be readily available within each unit. We hope that these ideas will be helpful to you. Should you have any questions, please contact the office at Oceans Four: (386) 788-3003.

As always, be sure the Management office has up-to-date contact information.

AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION, WHEN A TROPICAL STORM OR HURRICANE IS APPROACHING THE AREA, PLEASE REMOVE ALL FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES FROM YOUR BALCONIES IMMEDIATELY. THIS INCLUDES UNPLUGGING EXTERIOR CEILING FANS AND REMOVING FAN BLADES

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Storm surge is the deadliest of hurricane hazards. Storm surge is salt water flooding which rushes over coastal and river areas near where the hurricane eye strikes - destroying homes and businesses. Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of one to five depending on the strength of the winds. Storm surge can reach seven feet above sea level in a Cat 1 hurricane to as much as 28 feet above sea level in a Cat 5 hurricane.

Depending on the track and strength of a threatening hurricane, local officials may order one of five evacuation levels. These are called Hurricane Evacuation Categories. These levels correspond to the flooding that is likely to occur from the five categories of hurricanes.

The following guidelines are suggestions offered by Volusia County, when faced with a disaster. These pointers are general in nature, and every resident is urged to explore additional resources for expanded information.

**Should you evacuate? Yes, if you:**

- Live in a storm surge zone.
- Live in a low-lying or flood prone area.
- Require a respirator or other electric-dependent medical equipment.
- Receive a mandatory evacuation order

## THE EVACUATION PLAN

**If you live in an area ordered to evacuate, gather your emergency supplies (suggestions below), secure your condominium, turn off the water valve and HVAC system, and leave immediately.** Failure to obey an evacuation order is a violation of Florida law.

Create a communications plan ahead of a storm event. Let your friends and family know where you are or plan to be, and also where to meet if normal communication lines become dysfunctional.

Residents of condominiums should follow evacuation instructions given to people in single-family homes. Even if your home is not damaged severely, you may be without power for days. Emergency services (police, fire and emergency medical services) will not be readily available.

**Once a mandatory evacuation has been ordered, the Association will need to shut down the cooling tower once wind speeds increase. Individual HVAC systems will sustain irreparable damage if not turned off. Also, electronics should be unplugged before you leave.**

Oceans Four is equipped with a generator (an alternate and self-contained power source) that is intended to power certain equipment when standard power sources are not available. The generator at Oceans Four, when power is interrupted, should operate one elevator in each tower, emergency lighting in the interior common hallways, and the building's fire alarm system.

- Know where you are going (family, friends, hotel/motel, or public shelter).
- Take a map showing two routes to reach your destination.
- Notify family, friends, and/or care givers of your location.
- Secure your condominium and property.
- Take your emergency supplies.
- Your vehicle should have jumper cables and a basic tool kit.
- Do not delay your evacuation.

**EMERGENCY SHELTERS:** During an emergency, not all shelters will open at once. To find out which shelters are available, tune to the local news media or call the **toll-free Citizen's Information Hotline at (866) 345-0345 (Only during a disaster)**. [Volusia County Shelter Information](#). Telecommunications Device for the Deaf: (386) 248-1792.

**VOLUSIA COUNTY:**

Votran provides free transportation to public shelters.  
Daytona Beach (386) 322-5100  
West Volusia (386) 943-7050  
New Smyrna Beach (386) 424-6810  
Carry-on items are limited to a pillow, blanket and one carry-on bag (not larger than 22" x 16" x 8").

**VOLUSIA COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES**

(386) 248-1790, (386) 740-5241  
Halifax Humane Society (386) 423-3369

**ADJACENT COUNTIES:**

(321) 637-6670 Brevard County  
(352) 369-8100 Marion County  
(386) 586-5111 Flagler County  
(386) 329-0379 Putnam County  
(352) 343-9732 Lake County  
(407) 665-0311 Seminole County  
(386) 424-2476 Edgewater  
(386) 424-1090 New Smyrna Beach (ext. 301)  
(386) 322-3080 South Daytona

**VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD** (386) 943-7626

**PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:** Elderly, physically, mentally or sensory disabled, visually or hearing-impaired residents or those who need supplemental oxygen should [register for the People with Special Needs \(PSN\)](#) program with Volusia County Emergency Management. The program provides assistance during evacuations. PSN evacuees should be accompanied by a caregiver if this type of assistance normally is needed.

**PROTECT AND SHELTER PETS:** Any emergency that threatens people also threatens animals. Pet owners are responsible for disaster planning for their pets whether they stay in the condominium or evacuate. Do not leave your animal alone in the home. If your pet cannot evacuate with you, make shelter arrangements with your veterinarian, kennel, family or friends. Keep collar ID info current. Prepare a pet disaster kit including:

- Food, water and bowls.
- Leashes, toys, bedding and carrier.
- Medications.
- Newspapers, litter.
- Plastic bags for handling waste.
- License and vaccination documentation.

**IF YOU AND YOUR PET PLAN TO EVACUATE:** Go to your predetermined shelter or the shelter at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. Take needed items for you and your pet to be self-sufficient for up to seven days. For a list of kennels and hotels/motels that can shelter your pet, please contact Volusia County Animal Services.

**ITEMS TO TAKE TO THE SHELTER:** Evacuees may need to stay at a shelter for 24-72 hours during an emergency. Since space is limited, only take essential items. Avoid bringing valuables; shelters are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Suggested items:

- Special dietary food, snacks or comfort food.
- Bedding, pillow, blanket, etc.
- Extra clothing.
- Medications and medical supplies.
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- Oxygen supplies or arrange with your oxygen company to deliver to the designated PSN oxygen shelter.
- Toiletry items.

- Flashlight and batteries.
- Diapers, infant and elderly/disabled necessities.
- Time occupier such as books, magazines, games or cards.

**IF YOU ONLY HAVE MINUTES TO PACK, BE SURE TO GRAB THESE ITEMS:**

- Medical supplies: prescription medications, eyeglasses, and dentures.
- Disaster supplies: flashlight, batteries, radio, first aid kit, bottled water
- Clothing and bedding: a change of clothes and a sleeping bag or bedroll and pillow for each person
- Car keys and keys to the place you may be going (friend's or relative's home)

**RETURNING HOME:** Every effort will be made to allow evacuees to return to their home and businesses as quickly as possible. Re-entry to evacuated areas will be authorized based on public safety, security and operational needs of search and rescue teams. The re-entry policy will be established as soon as possible and with as few restrictions as possible. The decision to establish general re-entry will be evaluated through continuous coordination among county and state agencies, municipal law enforcement agencies and adjacent counties and will be announced through the news media.

**BRIDGES**

**Bridge passes are available through the City of Daytona Beach Shores: (386) 763-5326.**

The Dunlawton Bridge is under the jurisdiction of the [Port Orange Emergency Management Team](#). The Port Orange Fire Department advises that they will close the Dunlawton Bridge when the winds reach a sustained 35 mph. Other bridges in Volusia County may close when the sustained winds reach other speeds; specific information as to bridge closings will be made available by the specific regulatory agencies if/when there is an emergency in the area.

**STAYING IN YOUR CONDO**

Keep in mind that a power outage would impact owners' ability to maintain needed medical equipment, appliances and cooling devices as well as items such as shop vacuums in the event of water intrusion. **The Association may be required to shut down the cooling tower once wind speeds increase. Individual HVAC systems will sustain irreparable damage if not turned off.** Association employees will not be on site.

If you are not required to evacuate, please:

- Take the necessary precautions to protect your home and property.
- Check your disaster supply kit.
- Stay in your designated safe room during the event.
- Stay away from windows and glass doors.
- Fill your bathtub with water for non-potable use, such as flushing toilets.
- Turn off the electricity at the main fuse or breaker box if flooding threatens.

**CLEAN WATER:** An ample supply of clean water is a top priority during an emergency. Do not use containers that have held toxic substances. Rotate stored water every six months. After a disaster you should assume all water sources, other than commercial bottled water, are unsafe. Until you are notified that your public supply is safe to

drink, there are two ways to purify water. Bring water to a rolling boil for 3-5 minutes. Let it cool and add oxygen by pouring back and forth between two containers. To calculate the amount of water, consider 1-2 gallons of potable water per day per person. Store water for non-potable uses in clean tubs or other suitable containers.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Your disaster supply kit should minimally include a 3-7 day supply of water, non-perishable food, medication, and other necessity items per person.

Below are suggested food items. Selections should be based on family needs and preferences. When possible, choose low-salt, water-packed varieties.

**FOOD:**

- Three meals per day per person.
- Pets: food, water (1/2-1 gallon of water per day per pet).
- canned vegetables, fruit
- cereal
- peanut butter, jelly
- cookies, crackers, snacks
- infant food, formula
- canned meats
- canned soups
- drinks (bottle, can, powder)
- bread
- sugar

**PERSONAL ITEMS:**

- medications, vitamins
- extra hearing aid batteries
- toothpaste, brush
- extra baby bottles
- wet wipes
- sanitary napkins
- assorted safety pins
- comb
- denture care
- toilet paper
- soap, shampoo
- extra eyeglasses
- saline solution & contact lens
- razor, shaving cream
- cash (bills, change)
- sewing kit
- diapers
- change of clothing

**FIRST AID SUPPLIES:**

- Aspirin/ acetaminophen
- 2 pairs of latex gloves
- insect repellent
- Q-tips, cotton balls
- first aid tape
- water purification tablets
- tweezers, scissors
- ointment for cuts/ insect bites
- gauze/adhesive bandages
- sun screen
- anti-diarrhea medicine
- thermometer
- rubbing alcohol, peroxide
- Band-Aids, bandages

**OTHER NECESSARY ITEMS:**

- Flashlights
- compresses
- ipecac syrup and activated
- charcoal (for accidental poison)
- extra batteries
- masking/duct tape
- portable AM/FM
- radio/ batteries
- ABC fire extinguisher
- non-electric clock
- whistle
- napkins or paper towels
- large plastic bags
- rubber boots
- Fix-a-Flat for tires
- ice chest
- chlorinated bleach
- manual can opener
- hammer, nails
- heavy work gloves
- dust masks
- weather radio w/alarm
- time occupiers (books, magazines, games, cards)
- waterproof plastic container w/lid for important papers
- plywood
- screwdriver, screws
- pillows, blankets
- aluminum foil

- portable folding cot
- bungee cords
- camera/video/film
- plastic sheeting
- disposable dishware/utensils
- mop, bucket, broom
- plastic wrap, foil
- sleeping bags
- all-purpose cleaner/disinfectant
- wash cloths, towels
- utility knife
- pliers, vise grips
- plastic safety goggles

**HEAT SAFETY:** Excessive heat kills more people in the United States each year than tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and lightning combined. Be aware that a power outage means no air conditioning. To keep from becoming a victim when temperatures are high:

- Avoid strenuous activity.
- Stay indoors.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Wear light weight and light-colored clothes.
- Avoid salt tablets unless they are prescribed medically.
- Don't leave children or pets in closed cars at any time.

**PETS:** Bring pets indoors and prepare an area away from a window. After the storm, be careful when taking your pet outside. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered, and your pet easily could become confused and lost. Keep collar ID info current. Downed power lines, predatory animals, insects and contaminated water are post-storm threats to your pet.

**SAFE ROOM:** Identify a safe room in your condominium that will afford maximum protection for your family. This is usually an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows or exterior walls that can provide a second level of protection from airborne debris. In a multiple story condominium, the area beneath a stairwell is a good safe room though usually somewhat small. Closets, bathroom and utility rooms are other options. Store your disaster supplies and emergency items that will provide for your family during a disaster in the safe room. For more information on protecting your condominium, contact the [Florida Alliance for Safe Homes](#) (FLASH) or its bilingual home safety hotline, 1-877-221 -SAFE.

**FINDING YOUR SAFE ROOM:** A closet or small room in your condominium, such as a laundry room or bathroom, could become a safe haven during a hurricane or tornado. The strongest part of your condominium usually is away from windows or exterior doors. In a multi-story condominium, a closet or a cubicle near the stairwell may be the safest location. Taking refuge in such spaces lets the outer rooms buffer you from the storm should flying debris penetrate the outer walls.

## AFTER THE STORM

- Let your friends and family know if you are safe, try using text if phone lines are not working. Use phones only for emergencies to keep the lines open for other emergency communication. Mark yourself safe on social media if possible.
- Be patient. Access to affected areas will be controlled. You will not be able to return to your home until search and rescue operations are complete and downed trees and power lines are cleared.
- Don't drive. Roads must remain clear for emergency vehicles.
- Report downed power lines and broken water or sewer pipes to proper authorities. Do not touch downed or dangling electrical wires.
- If there has been flooding, have an electrician inspect your home or office before turning on the breaker.

- After the initial emergency period, notify insurance companies; contact your landlord or mortgage holder; contact your employer to check your work schedule and take inventory to determine and record losses.
- Don't eat spoiled or questionable food. Check the temperature of your refrigeration and dispose of any perishables that potentially rose above 40 degrees.
- Beware of possible wildlife driven to higher ground by flooding.
- Don't underestimate the power of moving water.
- Don't cook with charcoal inside your home.
- Be careful with candles and open flames as a light source.

## DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

[FEMA](#) (Federal Emergency Management Administration) registration 1-800-621-3362

Telecommunications for the deaf/speech impaired 1-800-462-7585

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) 1-800-427-9662

American Red Cross (local) (386) 226-1400

Salvation Army (local) (386) 236-2020

Red Cross – Text GETCANE to 90999 to get a link to the Red Cross app, and register your location in case of emergency.

## WATER INTRUSION MITIGATION

For instances where homeowners are Opening the door in your unit into the elevator lobby and securing it with a door stop will relieve some pressure. helping to mitigate water intrusion.

**COMMUNITY SUGGESTIONS FOR WATER INTRUSION MITIGATION:** Past hurricanes have shown us that water coming through openings in the sliding glass doors has been problematic in strong tropical storms and hurricanes. Owners at Oceans Four have shared a number of suggestions to help with this, and the ideas listed below came from a number of fellow owners. No one at Oceans Four recommends that you use these methods. No one is saying that they will actually work for you. They are simply ideas being shared because a number of owners asked us to do so. Here are submitted suggestions:

- Tightly roll or crumple paper and shove it down into the window tracks by the floor. The widest tracks at the left side is the most important, but also shove the rolled or crumpled newspaper down into the narrow center and right side tracks, and into any spaces you see. Incidentally, since we heard of one story where water did come up over the tracks and stained carpet with newsprint ink, you might want to consider using plain paper with a consistency similar to newspaper just to be sure.
- Another idea for the larger left side of the slider bottom is to buy some material and sew a tube to be filled with sand. The tube should be 33 inches long and 3 inches wide, with an extra 2 inches of material for sewing the tube closed. Place this sand-filled tube into the left side track. Then push cloths into the smaller, narrower tracks with an object such as a screwdriver. Do the same on the outside space at the bottom of the center door slider, too.
- The long, thin swimming pool floaters, or "noodles", can be cut and shoved into the tracks to block water.
- For a more thorough sealing, any and all spaces around the inside and outside of the frames, from top to bottom, can be caulked. One person recommended rope caulk, and another said that adhesion is much better with Sidewinder caulk (available at Home Depot), although the Sidewinder is gooey and harder to work with.

- Do NOT caulk any areas that would interfere with the slider, or you will seal your door shut! The open spaces at the left side of the center slider, as well as other spaces and holes, can be temporarily stopped up with pieces of material or cotton socks.
- Buy large plastic sheets (such as painting drop cloths or shower curtains) and use duct tape to tape them to the inside of the slider "lip" or water barrier. Then stretch the plastic sheet well into the room, and lay towels on top of it. That way, if some water does go over the slider, it will flow onto the plastic sheet and be absorbed by the towels (this will obviously only work for relatively small quantities of water).
- Water absorbent products can be found at [New Pig](#) and there are a variety of sandless sandbags available. These type items should be purchased for your storm preparedness ahead of impending weather.

## HVAC AND WATER VALVES DURING SEVERE STORMS

**It cannot be overemphasized** that in the event that it is necessary to shut down the cooling tower, owners should turn off AC systems before evacuating. Owners who have elected to remain despite evacuation orders, should also turn off AC units until the cooling tower resumes operation. Additionally, during severe storm events, unit water valves should be set in the closed position.

## OFFICIAL EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION STATIONS Black Crow Broadcasting Radio stations

- WNDB 1150 AM .
- US9393.1 FM
- WVYB 103.3 FM
- WHOG 95.7 FM
- WNDA 1490 AM

Updated information on an emergency is as close as your television or radio, thanks to agreement between Volusia County Government, and Black Crow Broadcasting, Daytona Beach. The agreements call Black Crow radio stations to be the official emergency public information for the County during emergencies. The Black Crow stations, which include WNDB 1150 AM, WNDA 1490 AM, WHOG 95.7 FM, US93 93.1 FM and WVYB 103.3 FM, broadcast public information and instruction from the County's Emergency Operations Center.

## ADDITIONAL HELP CONTACT INFORMATION

[Volusia County Emergency Management](#) (386) 258-4088, (386) 736-5980, (386) 423-3395  
 Citizen's Information Center (CIC) (Only during a disaster): Toll free (866) 345-0345,  
 Telecommunications Device for the Deaf: (386) 248-1792

### MARINE INFORMATION:

(888) 404-3922 Fla. Game and Fresh Water Comm.  
 (386) 428-9084 U.S. Coast Guard (New Smyrna Beach)  
 (386) 258-8733 U.S. Coast Guard (Daytona Beach area)  
 (386) 239-6542 Volusia County Sheriff  
 (386) 252-8000 24-hour (Weather Line Forecast Service)  
 (386) 248-8043 U.S. Customs Service (Daytona Beach)

### SOLID WASTE INFORMATION:

(386) 671-8670 Daytona Beach  
 (386) 673-0800 Daytona Beach Shores/Holly Hill  
 (800) 640-6875 DeBary/Lake Helen  
 (386) 574-0778 Deltona  
 (386) 774-6162 DeLand/Orange City  
 (386) 345-3522 Oak Hill  
 (386) 676-3220 Ormond Beach  
 (386) 749-2661 Pierson  
 (386) 673-0734 Ponce Inlet (ext. 331)  
 (386) 756-5395 Port Orange