

# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR VERANDAH RESIDENTS

### **Before the Storm**

- Have an emergency plan
  - There are lots of resources to help you build a hurricane plan that is right for your home and family. When visiting the websites below be sure to scroll down, as these pages contain many useful links:
    - Lee County Resources
    - <u>Lee County Emergency Operations Center</u>: Download the Family Emergency Plan template on this page for a plan that you can customize and print
    - Lee County Public Safety Facebook Page
    - Lee County Emergency Alerts, Special Needs Registry and more
    - WINK News Hurricane Guide: Pick one up at Publix
    - National Weather Service
    - National Hurricane Center
  - o Food, water and other basic supplies
  - Important paperwork such as insurance policies and flood policies along with agent contact information
  - Know your storm evacuation zone (you can <u>check your zone here</u>)
  - Monitor local news and the <u>National Weather Service</u> websites for flooding and storm surge predictions
  - Keep in touch with family and/or neighbors so that someone knows your whereabouts and status during a storm



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#### • Secure your property

- o Each resident is responsible for the safety and security of their own property
- Community patrol will not check individual houses
- Secure all outdoor materials lanai furniture, garbage cans, ceiling fans and other outdoor items that are typically unsecured and could become wind-borne

### • Be prepared for lack of services during the storm

 VCA personnel will follow their established procedures as detailed in the Verandah Hurricane Plan. Club and Gate personnel may not be available.

## • Community gates may be left open during the storm

o Based on storm severity, potential need for evacuation and power issues

#### Construction materials should be secured

- Developer/Builders will secure building sites according to the Verandah Hurricane Plan
- Any materials stored near your home should be secured

#### After the Storm

- Any storm debris is to be treated as part of landscape maintenance and yard cleanup and is the responsibility of the homeowner. Piles of debris are not to be left in the street but can be piled at the edge of lawn and curb and should be disposed of in a timely fashion.
- VCA will address clean up/repair of common areas
- Continue to monitor local TV and radio outlets to stay abreast of safety concerns water boil advisories, downed electrical powerline hazards, etc.
- Even after the storm, the <u>Lee County Emergency Management website</u> will continue to be a good resource for information about yard debris and trash pickups and other storm recovery information.