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BE AWARE...

Another contractor is planning to bury cable—that's why there are flags everywhere marking the current utility and communication cables. To make you aware, the following is the excerpt from the legal plat for our subdivision:

4. All platted utility easements shall provide that such easements shall also be easements for the construction, installation, maintenance, and operation of cable television services; provided, however, no such construction, installation, maintenance, and operation of cable television services shall interfere with the facilities and services of an electric, telephone, gas, or other public utility. In the event a cable television company damages the facilities of a public utility, it shall be solely responsible for the damages. This section shall not apply to those private easements granted to or obtained by a particular electric, telephone, gas, or other public utility. Such construction, installation, maintenance, and operation shall comply with the National Electrical Safety Code as adopted by the Florida Public Service Commission.

Thus...the contractor can have access to the green space between the sidewalk and street...not your yard.

IT'S HURRICANE SEASON!

UNDERSTANDING THE STORM WATCH VERSUS WARNING

A **Hurricane Watch** means hurricane conditions (sustained winds of at least 74 mph) are possible in the announced area within 48 hours.

A Hurricane Watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and proactive measures should be initiated such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.

A **Hurricane Warning** means hurricane conditions (sustained winds of at least 74 mph) are expected in the announced area within 36 hours.

Once a Hurricane Warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing proactive actions and moving to the safest location to be during the storm.

THE SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE WIND SCALE

This scale estimates potential property damage. Hurricanes reaching Category 3 and higher are considered major hurricanes because of their potential for significant loss of life and damage. Category 1 and 2 storms are still dangerous, however, and also require preventative measures.

Category 1 (74-95 mph winds)	Dangerous winds will produce some damage. The damage is primarily contained to shrubbery, trees, foliage and unanchored homes; damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters could result.
Category 2 (96-110 mph winds)	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage. Considerable damage to shrubbery and tree foliage; some trees blown down. Major damage to exposed mobile homes. Some damage to roofing materials of buildings; some window damage. No major damage to buildings.
Category 3 (111-129 mph winds)	Devastating damage will occur. Large trees blown down. Major damage to and removal of roof; some window and door damage. Some structural damage to small buildings. Mobile homes destroyed. Serious flooding at coast and many structures near coast destroyed; larger structures near coast damaged by battering waves and loose debris.
Category 4 (130-156 mph winds)	Catastrophic damage will occur. Severe damage to roofing materials, windows, doors and exterior walls. Complete failures of roofs on many small residences. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Major damage to lower floors of structures near shore due to flooding and battering by waves and debris. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.
Category 5 (157+ mph winds)	Catastrophic damage will occur. A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed. Complete failure of roofs on many residences and industrial buildings. Extensive shattering of glass in windows and doors. Small buildings overturned or blown away. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Major damage to lower floors of all structures less than 15 feet above sea level within 500 yards of shore.

PREPARATION LIST FOR A HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT



EMERGENCY

- FLASHLIGHT
- EXTRA BATTERIES
- BATTERY OPERATED RADIO/LANTERN
- CLOCK
- EXTRA BLANKETS
- TENT
- BATTERY OPERATED FANS
- MATCHES
- HAND SANITIZER

FIRST AID

- BAND-AIDS
- PEROXIDE
- BUG SPRAY
- SUNSCREEN
- FEMALE HYGIENE
- DRY SHAMPOO
- SOAP
- PRESCRIPTIONS
- THERMOMETER
- KIDS' TYLENOL
- ADULT TYLENOL
- FIRST AID KIT

FOOD

- MANUAL CAN OPENER
- WATER FOR 3 DAYS FOR EACH PERSON
- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
- CANNED FOOD
- VITAMINS
- DISPOSABLE PLATES AND UTENSILS
- NAPKINS

PETS

- LEASH
- HARNESS
- WATER FOR 3 DAYS FOR EACH PET
- DRY PET FOOD
- FAVORITE TOY
- SHOT RECORDS
- PET BED/BLANKET

ACCESSORIES

- TOILET PAPER
- GARBAGE BAGS
- ZIPLOCK BAGS
- UTILITY GLOVES
- UMBRELLA
- PHONE CHARGER
- PONCHO
- FLARES

PAPERWORK

- ID
- PASSPORT
- WILLS
- INSURANCE PAPERWORK
- MEDICAL CARDS
- VACCINATION RECORDS

FILL UP GAS TANKS IN ALL VEHICLES
FILL UP BATHTUBS WITH WATER
TURN OFF SPRINKLERS/WATER VALVES
BOARD WINDOWS/TAPE WINDOWS
TAKE OUT CASH
SECURE OUTDOOR ITEMS
BRING IN TRASH CANS
TRIM TREE LIMBS

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist to ensure your home and belongings are as protected as possible before a storm event hits.

- ☐ Close and lock your windows.
- ☐ Inspect each window and door and reseal if necessary.
- ☐ If your doors could use some additional reinforcing, purchase and install a bolt kit from a hardware store.
- ☐ Bring all outdoor furniture, decor and children's toys inside.
- ☐ In advance of hurricane season, trim any tree branches that are breaking, dead or near windows or your roof. Once a storm is threatening your area, trimming is discouraged as debris may not be picked up and can become projectiles during a storm.
- ☐ Clean out your gutters.
- ☐ Store any valuables in waterproof containers.
- ☐ Turn your refrigerator and freezer to their highest settings as a precaution to eliminate food waste due to power outage.
- ☐ Find a "safe zone" in your home.
- ☐ Move your hurricane supplies to your "safe zone."
- ☐ Print out your insurance coverage documents and store them in a waterproof container.
- ☐ Review your insurance coverage.
- ☐ Use surge protectors to protect your electrical appliances and property.
- ☐ Fill an extra bathtub with water if possible or fill empty gallon jugs/2-liter bottles with water to use for showering, cleaning and rinsing.

PREPARING FOR THE STORM

In anticipation of a storm, it is important to ensure that you have done everything you can to prepare your home, property or business.

Strengthen your home.

Declutter drains and gutters. Bring in outside furniture, garden décor and lawn ornaments. Trim trees and loose foliage prior to storm season. Consider boarding windows with plywood or purchasing hurricane shutters.

Hurricane shutters.

Approved hurricane shutters and impact protective systems can offer protection for your home or business. Not all hurricane shutters or impact protective systems meet the standards set by the Florida Building Commission or your local building authority. For the Florida Building Commission to approve a product designed for a window, the product must be part of the complete window system and assembly. Window films and related products, which are typically attached only to the frame of a window, do not protect the window against windstorms.



Protect your car.

A tropical storm or hurricane can produce devastating flooding and wind-borne debris that can damage vehicles. In order to protect your vehicles, consider the following tips:

- Park in a safe location. Store your car inside a garage if possible. If a garage is unavailable, park your car close to a building and avoid parking under power lines or trees. Move your car to a higher elevation if you live in a floodplain.
- Fill your car's gas tank before the storm so if you need to evacuate or get help after the storm, you will have enough gas to do so.
- Remove non-essential items from your car's exterior.
- Store important car documents safely in a plastic bag and take photos of your car's interior and exterior to provide to your insurance company in the event damage occurs.
- Avoid driving in a flood. It is often difficult to tell how deep a puddle may be; even one foot of standing water can damage your car.



Determine what to do with pets.

Whether you decide to evacuate or stay in your home, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Not all emergency shelters accept pets, so it is important to do your research in advance to find out where the pet-friendly shelters are located near you. Put together a pet disaster supply kit that includes medications, medical records, a first aid kit, sturdy leashes and/or carriers, food and water.



Protect your neighbors.

If you live near senior adults or those who may need additional help, check in with your neighbors to see if they would like assistance securing hurricane plans, gathering supplies or preparing their homes for the hurricane season.



Don't forget about your business.

Tropical storms and hurricanes can impact organizations. It is important to understand the risks and potential impacts in order to prepare accordingly. Experts estimate that 75 percent of businesses without a continuity plan will fail within three years of a disaster.



Additional Preparedness Steps

- **Create an Emergency Plan:** Ensure all family members know what to do before, during, and after a hurricane. Designate meeting points and establish communication methods.
- **Secure Your Home:** Install storm shutters or board up windows, and secure outdoor items that could become projectiles in high winds.
- **Know Your Evacuation Routes:** Familiarize yourself with local evacuation routes and shelters. Practice these routes with your family.
- **Stay Informed:** Monitor local news and weather reports for updates on hurricane forecasts and warnings.

