

**Waterford Master Owners
Association, Inc.**



**Community Activation & Response to
Emergencies (C.A.R.E.)**

Disaster Plan

**Information and Suggestions for
Homeowners**

BE AWARE
BE PREPARED



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Our Evacuation Zone is C*

For an impending disaster you can:

- Shelter at home
- Evacuate to a Sarasota County shelter
- Evacuate the area

If you are going to evacuate you should make your decision early. If

you wait too long you run the risk of being caught on the interstate and not able to find gas for your vehicle, food, water or lodging. Also, there is a good possibility that you could be stuck in traffic.

*Exception: Berkshire Place is Evacuation Zone B

IMPORTANT NOTE

WMOA cannot be responsible for individual homeowners' safety. It is up to each household to make sure they are prepared for a disaster. This document is intended only as a tool to help with those preparations.

Personal Safety Concerns

- Prepare a safe area in a closet or in the center of your home.
- Be sure everyone in your household knows the location of, and how to operate, shutoff valves for propane tanks, main water lines, hot water tanks and irrigation lines, and can turn them off to prevent leaks or line breaks.
- If you control your irrigation system turn it off at the clock. Consider unplugging the clock from the electrical outlet.
- Be sure everyone knows where the circuit breakers are and how to turn them on and off.
- **You are responsible for securing your home.** Outside furniture or loose items should be brought in or secured to a solid pillar with a rope, cable or ratchet clamp. Flying objects can cause a great deal of bodily injury and property damage to you and your neighbor's home.
- Check your neighbor's area for unsecured items and, if they are away, consider taking care of anything that could become a projectile.

General Note:

- In some disasters there are fires that can spread rapidly. There is only one rule for a fire: **GET OUT** with the family first and then your pet, ASAP. Call



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911 from your cell phone or somewhere else. **DO NOT** go back into the home for personal belongings, that you “can’t” live without.

Important Note

Waterford Sports Club is not hurricane hardened, nor does WMOA have the resources or personnel to provide shelter and care. The Sports Club CANNOT be used as a shelter.

Using

a Shelter

- Be aware: once you are in a shelter you cannot leave until a storm has passed. If you are going to a shelter decide early and go. It may not be possible to reach a shelter once the disaster has begun.
- All shelters in Sarasota County will accept pets but you must take food, water, health records, pet and owner identification and a crate.

Water Supply

Remember your most precious commodity may be potable water.

It is important to continue drinking at least two quarts of water each day. You NEED to have a supply of fresh water. Here are some ideas in case you have not purchased enough for the members of your household:

- Shutting off the small valve under each toilet will conserve potable water. You can always carry “flushing water” in from the pool and dump it in the tank. Water from your pool is not recommended for drinking.
- Sanitize and fill your bathtub ahead of time. You can use that for drinking water or to fill the tank on your toilet.
- Hot water tanks have drains at the bottom and can be used for drinking water. Just be sure to turn off the power supply to the hot water heater...
- You can divert water from gutters into clean garbage cans. It is not recommended for drinking.
- If you store water in large containers, treat the water with bleach (sodium hypochlorite approximately 6%) at 2 tsp per 10 gallons. The bleach should not contain any soap or fragrance.



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- Boiling water for ten minutes (if you have a fuel source) is the safest way to purify it. Pour it back and forth between containers to get a little oxygen back into it so it will taste better.
- Sometimes opening the highest elevation faucet in your house and draining water from the lowest one will let you access a few more gallons.
- It is possible that water could be turned off in the entire community by the city, for an extended period.

Communications

- Keep your cell phone charged at all times. Keep a connector in your car to recharge if needed.
- Consider purchasing a portable charger that you can charge ahead of time and that can be used to charge phones and other devices.
- Purchase a battery-operated or hand crank radio with a good supply of batteries. Consider keeping an extra radio and batteries in your car as well.
- A Facebook page, Waterford of Venice, Florida will be available to Waterford residents so you can receive important information about our community. The graphic is the eye of a hurricane. You must request membership via Facebook. Once approved (within 24 hrs.) the only communications you will receive are emergencies/urgent announcements that pertain to Waterford such as hurricanes, police/fire announcements, nearby thefts, etc. This page can be accessed via a smart phone if you cannot use your personal computer.
- Additional email blasts via Waterford /Constant Contacts will be sent in addition to Facebook announcements if the internet is available.

Financial

- Keep some cash on hand, small bills are best. You may not be able to get to a bank or the ATM may not have power.
- Local service providers and retailers may not be able to access credit/debit card networks.
- Workers needed to secure your property (clear trees or debris or put a tarp on your roof) may require payment with cash.



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Food Supply (short term) when power is off

- Before a disaster keep an inventory of what you have in the freezer and date it.
- Use perishable food from the refrigerator as soon as possible.
- Next use food from the freezer. Before the disaster you can fill a cup with water and place it in your freezer. Once it is frozen place a quarter on the top. When you open the door, if the coin dropped your power has been off and the food may not be safe to consume.
- Minimize the number of times you open your refrigerator and freezer doors.
- Save your nonperishable items for last.

Food Supply (longer term) when power is off

Have on hand foods that are convenient and easy to eat. Such as:

- Canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned juices, milk and soup
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Tortillas hold up well and do not need to be refrigerated.

Store all your food in the driest, coolest area you have. Metal or plastic bins are good for storage. Make sure you have a can opener (non-electric).

Food Preparation

Keep on hand:

1. Grill (charcoal or propane). Buy extra charcoal and consider an extra propane tank.
2. Camp stoves
3. Tabletop butane cook tops

BE SURE YOU HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE!!!!

OTHER SUPPLIES

- Without electricity you will not be able to heat or cool your residence. Alternate sources are fine but focus on the safety aspects, such as:
 1. Adequate ventilation



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2. Battery operated carbon monoxide detectors
 3. Battery operated fire and smoke detectors
 4. Fire extinguishers.
- Box of matches and lighters
 - Paper plates, cups and plastic utensils
 - Heavy duty flashlights and extra batteries
 - Battery or solar powered portable lights
 - Manual can opener
 - Heavy duty aluminum foil
 - Toilet paper
 - Antibacterial wipes, soap, liquid or spray.
 - Plastic garbage bags
 - Plastic buckets with plastic lids (can be used for a toilet)
 - Bleach with no additives
 - Pet supplies
 - Shovel or spade and lime to bury garbage if necessary

Medical supplies

Important Note

Any specialized medical equipment dependent on electric power is a serious situation and beyond the scope of this document. Contact Sarasota County for information about Medically-Dependent Evacuation Centers, 941-861-5000.

Have on hand

- A two-week supply of prescription medicine and any items critical to your health
- Extra eyeglasses
- Extra contact lenses and solutions
- Personal hygiene items
- Well-equipped first aid kit with adequate supply of aspirin and other plain relievers



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Vehicles

- Fill your gas tanks. Keeping your tanks always half full takes a little discipline but will be worth it.
- Most likely gasoline supplies will be limited, or gas stations may not have electricity to operate the pumps. Get your fuel early.

Waste Disposal:

- Expect delays in garbage and recycle collection. Keep a good supply of heavy-duty plastic bags and containers to store garbage. A sprinkle of bleach minimizes the odor. Storing garbage outside runs the risk of attracting animals, with the usual resulting mess.

MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS

- Take before and after pictures of your property, inside and out, for insurance purposes.
- Have the following information on hand
 - Your insurance agent's name and number along with your policy number
 - A list of important phone numbers
 - A list of medications you are taking, dosage and times taken
 - Any other important papers you might need

Place all the above in a watertight container or pouch

- Have a family plan. Make someone that is outside the area your main contact to supply and/or receive information
- Let your Block Captain know if you are evacuating or sheltering in place.
- Make sure your Block Captain has an updated information sheet with all your emergency contacts.
- Waterford Sports Club will be locked 24 hours in advance of an impending disaster.



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Homeowner Actions Following a Disaster:

- Once the worst is over please tape a sign on your front door or window that says "OKAY" or "HELP." Be sure it is large enough to see from the street. This will help your Block Captains and neighbors who are checking houses.
- Be sure your house number can be seen, and is readable, on your house or garage.
- If you are asked to pitch in, please help. If you are not asked, figure out some way to be useful. For example, you might be needed to clear debris from storm drains/grates, or from a fire hydrant. You might be asked to help clear a street so emergency equipment can get through. You can check on a neighbor and offer support.
- Be aware of con artists running the usual repair scams.
- DO NOT open your door to anyone you don't know. Be sure to keep all doors and windows locked.
- When you are able, communicate with any neighbors who are away as to the status of their property.
- Assume traffic lights will not be working.
- Watch for dangerous electric lines on the roads.
- Streets may be flooded so use extreme caution when driving through standing water.
- Be careful of fire ants and reptiles that may be swarming or swimming in flooded areas. That goes for you and your pets.
- Stay at home, if you can, so emergency vehicles and repair crews can do their jobs first.
- If a contractor asks you to obtain a permit for work, DON'T DO IT. It may indicate he is not legitimate. If you use a contractor be sure he is licensed, insured and bonded.
- DO NOT pay anyone in advance for a job.

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- Be patient while your WMOA personnel and outside repair/maintenance personnel work to get everyone safe and comfortable.
- Residents are responsible for debris removal from their own property.

Information published by the Sarasota County Emergency Office will be available in the Waterford Sports Club. This will be helpful in planning for hurricanes.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED





IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SEVERE WEATHER AND OTHER DISASTERS OR EMERGENCIES

Emergencies	Call 911 for Police, Fire and EMS
American Red Cross Sarasota County.....	941-379-9300
Sarasota County Emergency Management	941-861-5000
FEMA National Flood Insurance	800-611-6122/800-427-5593
Florida Highway Patrol.....	941-492-5850
Sarasota County Sheriff	941-316-1201
Venice Fire Department	941-480-3030
Venice Police Department.....	941-486-2444
Alligator Hotline	866-393-4286
Animal Services.....	941-861-9500
Venice Building Department	941-486-2626 Ext. 7373
Comcast.....	800-266-2278
Direct TV	800-531-5000
Frontier.....	800-921-8102
Florida Power and Light	941-917-0708
	Outage 800-468-8243
Garbage and Recycling/Venice Public Works	941-486-2422
	941-486-2514
	941-486-7359
Venice City Manager	941-486-2626 Ext. 7399
Water and Sewer Emergency	941-486-2770
Venice City Hall Main Number	941-486-2626

SARASOTA COUNTY EMERGENCY SHELTERS

<u>SHELTER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
North Port High School	6400 W. Price Blvd..... North Port
Heron Creek Middle School.....	6501 W. Price Blvd..... North Port
Woodland Middle School.....	2700 Panacea Blvd..... North Port
Atwater Elementary School	4701 Huntsville Ave. North Port
Fruitville Elementary School	601 Honore Ave. Sarasota
Brookside Middle School	3636 S. Shade Ave..... Sarasota
Southside Elementary School	1901 Webber St. Sarasota
Riverview High School	1 Ram Way Sarasota
Booker High School	3201 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota
Phillippi Shores Elementary School ..	4747 S Tamiami Trail Sarasota
Gulf Gate Elementary School	6500 S. Lockwood Ridge Rd Sarasota

All shelters are pet friendly, but you must bring a crate, food and veterinary records with you.