

Hurricane Season - Be Prepared

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DEAR 1000 VENETIAN NEIGHBORS,

Hurricane season is upon us once again and will last through November 30th. Florida can be threatened at any time during this season. The information contained in this letter will help you prepare for a hurricane or other severe weather emergency and understand how your Association will also prepare your community. This letter has also been written to help you take precautions to protect your family and property. Please take a moment to read this very important information.

The Board of Directors of One Thousand Venetian Way Condominium and KW Property Management & Consulting would like to ensure that all unit owners receive as much information as possible to aid in the preparation for any upcoming storm. A tropical storm or hurricane can develop within hours threatening the area. During these months, special precautions need to be taken by everyone in the community. Stay tuned to local weather updates during the season. Several weather services offer email and text notifications for severe weather such as www.weather.com. The following terms are used by weather forecasters:

HURRICANE WATCH: A hurricane may strike our area within 48 hours.

HURRICANE WARNING: A hurricane may strike within 36 hours.

Management will mass email periodic updates to all owners and let you know of current conditions or when services have been restored. **Please make sure that management has an updated email address for you.**

All residents are encouraged to develop a personal disaster preparedness plan before an emergency strikes. The following internet links can aid you in further preparations:

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>
<http://www.fema.gov>
<http://www.floridadisaster.org>



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Please be advised that at the time a Hurricane Watch is issued, KW Property Management Company and its personnel will begin to secure the building and common areas. Before sustained winds reach dangerous levels and the hurricane becomes an imminent threat, the essential personnel will shut down the property's equipment such as the elevators, HVAC equipment and domestic water pumps. This will assure your systems will be operational after weather conditions return to normal and power has been restored.

PLAN AHEAD

CLEAR BALCONIES

Implement as many precautions as practical in advance, such as removing all furniture from your balconies, removing and securing all outside items that might become projectiles during the storm, closing hurricane shutters and placing towels on windowsills and on the bottom of all exterior doors.

If you are leaving town for any length of time during hurricane season, please remove all balcony/patio furniture, plants, loose objects and assign a nearby relative or friend to close the shutters.

In the event of a storm approaching, please do not rely on the Association's staff to make preparations for you; their time will be dedicated to primarily securing the community's mechanical operations and common areas before they can assist individual units.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Residents are urged to develop a disaster preparedness plan before emergency strikes. As part of your plan have an emergency supply kit ready. Be sure to have flashlights, battery operated radio, water and food supplies. A full list is available at:

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp>

INSURANCE

Review your insurance policies to ensure you are fully covered. Inventory and take pictures of your apartment and valuables and store photos and documents in waterproof container.

SPECIAL NEED RESIDENTS

Special needs residents should be sure to register NOW with the front desk or office. Residents who require special care or special transportation have to preregister with the Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program at 305-513-7700, 888-311-3233 or 305-468-5402

PLAN YOUR EVACUATION

Have a transportation plan and a pre-planned place to stay during an evacuation. Remember that pets are not allowed in most evacuation shelters. Call in advance so you can make plans for you and your pets. As you exit, please sign the security log giving a phone number and address where you may be reached after the storm. Only essential personnel may be allowed back into the community for several days after the storm.

Remember that barrier islands are subject to storm surge or flood and there is only very limited access to leave the island to the mainland. You will want to evacuate well ahead of the possibility of flooded roads and mass traffic jams.

When an evacuation order is issued, **EVERYONE** must evacuate the community. An evacuation area is no place to be during a hurricane. Employees and emergency responders are expected to evacuate as well.

There will be no emergency services during a storm, and authorities will not be available to help you. Essential condo operations, such as the elevators, air conditioning, water service etc. will be suspended. The Condominium could become inundated by a storm surge.

Please also keep in mind that if you do not evacuate, there may be no building services for several days once the staff is ordered to evacuate.

When an evacuation order has been issued, Association employees will conclude the procedures to prepare the community's common areas for the storm and leave. At that time, residents should be packed and prepared to leave. Government officials advise elderly and handicapped residents not to wait for the official evacuation order; please leave early. After the hurricane has passed, all essential personnel will return to the property as soon as physically possible.



PLAN TO STAY AWAY

Once evacuated, you should be prepared to stay away for several days. Government officials may restrict the return of all persons, except essential emergency personnel, from returning to the island until it is safe.

LET US DO OUR JOBS

While it may be tempting to call the property to see how we fared during the storm, residents are urged to refrain from doing so unless absolutely necessary. The Board, the Management & Maintenance Team will be occupied returning things back to normal. Management will email periodic updates to all residents to inform everyone about the current conditions and when services have been restored. Please make sure that management has an updated email address on file for you.

Even if Government officials open the barrier island for residents to return, keep in mind that the property may not be ready for you yet, depending on the level of damage incurred, if any. Please wait until you have received an email or have been advised otherwise that it is safe to return.

Updates and news will also be posted on the property's website at:

<https://web.kw-ic.com/1000venetian/Home.aspx>

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope you have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Your Management Team and Board of Directors