

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – HURRICANE SEASON
June 1 to September 1 – BE PREPARED HAVE A PLAN!!!

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*****West View Ridge – Board on Call Phone – 863-656-6179*****

Red Cross, Winter Haven - 863-294-5941
Emergency Management Number – 863-298-7027

- If you leave the area for the storm, GO EARLY – several days prior to impact. Consider a destination within 50 miles per the Red Cross guidelines. Take important papers and information with you.
- If you stay in the area, go to a friend or relatives HOUSE or a shelter. (A list of shelters approved is posted on the bulletin board just inside the handicapped accessible door by the office.) This list is also available at Publix and Emergency Management. Consider asking for a copy of that list from Publix.

THE WEST VIEW RIDGE HALL IS NOT A SHELTER.

- If you need a “special needs” shelter, call **863-298-7027** to make reservations.
- Pet-friendly shelters are also noted on the poster inside the handicapped accessible door
- ***Take pictures of the outside – and inside – of your home before you leave. These may be needed for insurance purposes.***
- Establish a person or couple on your street who is a year round resident and to have that person be the contact person for your

street on who is accounted for and who is away for the storm. The park hall will be the base of information and clean up after the storm. We want everyone safe!

- Establish a sturdy tote containing emergency supplies which can be stored under your home.

PRIOR TO THE STORM.....(for park volunteers)

- Open the designated gate(s)
- Put the tractor key in the tractor ignition so it is ready to go.
- Pool furniture goes in the shallow end of the pool (pool level may need to be adjusted to accommodate the pool furniture.)
- Remove all “Property For Sale” signs and anything that can become a projectile. (SNOWBIRDS please make sure ALL your decorations and lawn furniture is put away before you head north. Turn over large items or secure them to something permanent.)

YOUR HOME (IF YOU ARE HERE IN THE SUMMER)

- Plan to attend all WVR meetings pertaining to preparation and the storm
- Put away ALL outdoor decorations, furniture, grills.
- Fill bath tub with water
- Fill empty gallon jugs with drinking water and freeze for ice.
- Put shutters down or cover windows with plywood.
- Fill propane tanks, fill car’s tank, fill gas cans or charge golf carts
- Close blinds and drapes and interior doors.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED

- Medications, important papers, emergency contact numbers in waterproof container or zip loc bags
- Drinking water – plan on 1 gallon per day per person minimum
- Food that doesn't need to be cooked
- Phone charged (phone chargers are available that are solar or which plug into car outlet)
- Stocked first aid kit. Include lighters or matches.
- Extra batteries for your battery needs
- FOOD AND WATER FOR PETS!
- A “go box” to take to a shelter or home
- Extra cash on hand if power is out (ATM won't help you!)
- Include paper products and toiletries in your “go box”

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE TO A SHELTER (which provides space and a picnic table)

- Clothes, all medicines, blanket, pillow, cot or air mattress, water, preserved food and snacks, lantern or flashlight, toilet paper, paper towels, hygiene products, ice chest with ice (get those empty gallon jugs going!!) TAKE EXTRA BATTERIES!
- Park residents are put in the same area. Take cards, games, phones, iPad, and laptop to pass the time. Make sure electronics are charged before you go and take extra, charged, power packs).
- In a waterproof container have a list of medications, doctor's name and number, medications and important documents.
- Make sure NEW batteries are in CPAP machine. If your CPAP is not battery operated, check with Ridge High School 863-298-7027 for a special needs shelter.

- PET OWNERS – REMEMBER FOOD, WATER, BOWLS AND MEDICATIONS FOR PETS.
- If you are leaving the park for a shelter, make sure the information center knows where you will be going.

AFTER THE STORM

- EXPECT THE POWER TO BE OUT – but notify Duke Energy
- The hall will be the base for information and organizing volunteer efforts. Several things can be going on at the same time.
 1. Systematically check homes for anyone injured.
 2. Get generator to hall so kitchen has power
 3. Assign a specific area in the refrigerator for medications
 4. After it is determined that all residents are not injured, begin clearing the streets. (The key will be in the tractor!)
 5. Lock trash compactors if power is out, move large trailer from the barn (put the walls into the trailer) to hold the trash to be taken to landfill later.
 6. Check homes for damage
 7. ONE CALL will keep all residents updated
 8. Specific owners will be notified if there is any damage
 9. Someone will be manning an information area in the hall to log and keep track of what has been done and will designate tasks as needed
 - 10. KEEP THE DESIGNATED INFORMATION PERSONS UPDATED ON PARK CLEAN UP EFFORTS**