

Residents Disaster Planning Guide for Florida's Peak Weather Season June 1 to November 30

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Weather Terms used for Severe Weather

Part of staying informed about weather conditions is by understanding the different terms used by weather forecasters. The following are some of those common terms. Please familiarize yourself with the meaning of these terms.

- **Special Advisory**: Information disseminated when there is a significant change in storm related weather conditions.
- **Gale Warnings**: a warning means sustained winds of 35 to 54 miles per hours.
- **Hurricane or Tornado WATCH**: a watch means there is a threat of hurricane or tornado conditions within 24 to 36 hours.
- **Hurricane or Tornado WARNINGS**: a warning means a hurricane or tornado is expected to strike within 24 hours or less with sustain winds of 74 miles per hour or more and dangerously high waters.

Hurricanes are classified into five (5) categories according to wind velocity:

 Tropical Storm:
 39 - 73 mph

 Category 1:
 74 - 95 mph

 Category 2:
 96 - 110 mph

 Category 3:
 111 - 130 mph

 Category 4:
 131 - 155 mph

 Category 5:
 156 + mph

Tornado classifications are based on the Fujita Scale (F-scale) which uses actual damage to determine a tornado's wind speed.

F0 Gale Tornado:	40 – 72 mph	So	me o	damage	to o	chimneys. Tree branches	;
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broken off. Shallow rooted trees uprooted.

F1 Moderate Tornado: 73 – 112 mph Peels surface off roofs. Mobile homes

overturned. Moving vehicles pushed off roads.

F2 Significant Tornado: 113 – 157 mph Considerable damage. Roofs torn off frame

houses. Large trees snapped or uprooted. Light-

object missiles generated.

F3 Severe Tornado: 158 – 206 mph Severe damage. Roofs and some walls torn off

well-constructed homes. Trains overturned. Most trees in forests uprooted. Heavy vehicles lifted off

ground.

F4 Devastating Tornado: 207 – 260 mph Well-constructed houses leveled. Structures with

weak foundations blown off some distance. Cars

thrown and large missiles generated.

F5 Incredible Tornado: 261 – 318 mph Strong frame houses lifted off foundations and

disintegrated. Automobile-sized missiles flying in

excess of 100 mph. Trees debarked.

Shareholders and Residents Responsibilities Section

- 1. NOTIFY THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE IF YOU INTEND TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING A HURRICANE, 10 DAYS BEFORE THE HURRICANE HITS. There is nothing the Board of Directors can do to force an owner(s) to evacuate when an evacuation order has been issued. Please take all precautions to protect the people in your home from harm.
- 2. The Shareholders, residents, tenants must be prepared to survive the aftermath of a storm for up to 3 to 5 days on their own. That means plenty of water, supplies, medicine, emergency kits, etc. The Association Board Members and staff will work as quickly as possible to restore normal operations to the common area buildings. You may want to invest in a home generator and learn the proper use/safety of it. NOTE: Be patient, communication and power are a real problem during and after a storm.
- 3. Seasonal Shareholders, resident, tenants should establish a relationship with a full-time neighbor (single point of contact) to call for information about your home after the storm make this part of your plan. Most likely, the office will not have phone service for at least one (1) week.
- 4. The unit owners and tenants are responsible for their own unit, before, during and after an event, including the purchase of mobile home insurance (property and wind insurance). Although your home may not be in a high-risk flood zone, CAE recommends all residents to look into flood insurance for their own peace of mind.
- 5. The Shareholders, residents, tenants are responsible <u>for all CAE financial bills</u> per the governing documents, leases or rental leases, before, during and after any natural disaster. There are multiple ways to make payments including paying online, ACH payments, mailing in your payments or you can enroll into auto pay directly through your bank. Alternative payment plans may be established by the Manager if required.
- 6. Shareholders, resident, and tenants are responsible for their own severe weather planning and/or evacuation for all occupants including pets if you have them.
- 7. Shareholders, resident, tenants are responsible for post storm damage to their home (clean-up, tarping and removing any damage, etc.).
- 8. Shareholders, resident, tenants, and guests are responsible for their own (and pets) safety during severe weather, including evacuating the area if there is an evacuation order from Pasco County Emergency Management.

SAFETY INCLUDES:

- a. Following the CAE Severe Weather Emergency Guidelines
- b. Having a recommended evacuation kit on hand
- 9. Seasonal residents must pack up their home before departing CAE. Before the season begins, **owners must clean the outside of your home, put everything away in shed/home, put down shutters, remove all loose items from your yard and carports including screened or vinyl window rooms.**No loose items such as bird baths, potted flowers, yard ornaments, etc. are to remain in your yard or carports/patios during hurricane season. Stock your home with food, water, medicines, and emergency supplies. Clean/empty your refrigerator/freezer if you are leaving.
- 10. Team up with your neighbors. Work together on your hurricane/evacuation plan. Learn the safest route to leave Dade City.
- 11. Get a copy of the Pasco Country Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Guide from local libraries, court house or by visiting their website at https://www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management. Registrar/sign-up for Pasco Country Emergency Management's "Alert Pasco" emergency notifications which provides Pasco county residents with the ability to receive emergency notifications and/or threatening severe weather messages on their home phone, cell phone/text message, and/or email. For more information regarding Alert Pasco, please visit http://egov.pascocountyfl.net/AlertPasco/.

CAE Severe Weather Emergency Guidelines

PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION

- 1. Fill vehicle(s) with gas. Check battery, oil, all fluids, and tire pressure (including spare).
- 2. Ensure that portable radios and flashlights have new batteries and have extra batteries on hand.
- 3. Check First Aid Kit supplies (refresh any supplies if needed).
- 4. Check prescription medications (try to have at least a 2 week supply ready). Pack personal care items & medications in a "grab-and-go-bag" that is preferably water resistant.
- 5. Locate and store the following in a dry container:
 - a. Insurance policies
 - b. Titles for house, car, boat, etc.
 - c. Important papers such as: Mortgage paperwork, Identification, Wills, Bank Statements, Credit Card Statements, Utility Bills, etc.
 - d. Cash for evacuation purposes
 - e. Evacuation kit, (Pasco Emergency Management's recommended kit is included in this guide)
- 6. If you are not evacuating to shelter, make reservation with a motel/hotel. Check the availability of and know where your local public shelters are in case you end up needing to use one.

SEVERE WEATHER WATCH PREPARATIONS

A hurricane or tornado "WATCH" means there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24 to 36 hours. To secure your home from possible damage when a hurricane/tornado watch is announced:

- 1. Remove all loose articles, hanging plants, furniture, etc. from porches and carports. **THIS APPLIES TO ALL AREAS THAT ARE SCREENED, UNSCREENED OR ENCLOSED BY VINYL.**
- 2. Turn freezer and refrigerator to coldest setting. This will freeze and keep cold all food products
- 3. Remove and store all loose plants and debris from yard (garden hoses, bird feeders, bird baths, etc.)
- 4. Close and lock all windows
- 5. Board up all large unprotected windows
- **Disabled and/or handicapped residents are recommended to evacuate to a shelter when a watch is announced.

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

A hurricane or tornado "WARNING" means a hurricane/tornado is expected to strike within 24 hours or less with sustain winds of 74 mph or more and dangerously high waters. When a warning is issued, Pasco Country Emergency Management will issue an evacuation order for all mobile home residents. <u>CAE residents, guests and tenants must make their own transportation arrangements to evacuate</u>. CAE Volunteers and neighbors may be available to help with transportation needs, but you must talk to your neighbors and let them know you need transportation to a shelter.

- 1. Notify family and/or friends of your evacuation plans and destination (name of shelter or hotel/motel and contact phone numbers)
- 2. Eat something before evacuation to a public shelter. Bring shelf-stable food and bottled water for emergency rations. Remember no refrigeration is supplied.
- 3. Load survival kit into vehicle and leave.

CAE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT YOU STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING A MANDATORY EVACUATION.

NOTICE OF MANDATORY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

You will be notified of a mandatory evacuation order by the local police or sheriff. Once the mandatory evacuation order is given, do not attempt to stay in your home and "ride it out".

Hurricane Preparation for People with Special Needs

A registry of people with special needs is maintained by Pasco County Emergency Management. If you are unable to respond independently to an emergency and have no other means of assistance in the event of an evacuation order, then you should register with Pasco County Emergency Management, Special Needs Program (SPNS).

Contact Pasco County Emergency Management office at (727) 847-8137 and register for their SPNS program.

- Register in advance
- The information you provide is confidential and will be available only to Emergency Services personnel.
- Generally, hurricane shelters can only provide first aid, not nursing care or medical assistance. Special needs shelter can provide limited medical care and oxygen, but if possible, a caregiver should accompany the special needs person to the shelter.

Shelters and Evacuation Route Information

CAE IS NOT A DESIGNATED SHELTER. DURING SEVERE WEATHER, THE CLUBHOUSE WILL BE LOCKED. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEEK SHELTER IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

Pasco County will open certain shelters during severe weather. Available shelters can fluctuate. We strongly recommend that you contact the Pasco County Emergency Management Center and listen to your local radio and TV stations for announcement and shelter openings during severe weather. To obtain shelter and evacuation route information, please contact:

Pasco County Emergency Management Office

Main Phone: (727)-847-8137

SERVICE PHONE: (727) 847-2411 Helpline/Hotline - Resident Info Center (RIC) Hotline

email: oem@pascocountyfl.net

web: pascocountyfl.net

Locations of Designated Shelters in Dade City

Note: Shelter location and availability can change. Please check with the Pasco Country Emergency Management Office before going to a shelter listed below.

- Centennial Middle School: 38505 Centennial Road, Dade City, FL
- Pasco Middle School: 13925 14th Street, Dade City, FL
- Lacoochee Elementary: 38815 Cummer Road, Lacoochee, FL

Shelters and Pets

To shelter your pet, you must provide proof of updated license(s), vaccinations, and contain your pet in an appropriate pet carrier. If you are unable to comply with these requirements, then you must make other arrangements to shelter your pet. Pet shelters are limited to dogs and cats only.

If you have pets:

- Make arrangements for boarding your pet veterinary hospital, with a friend or just leave at home.
- Make sure vaccination shots are up to date prior to hurricane season.

If you plan to leave your pet(s) in your home:

- Survey your home and determine the safest location away from windows.
- Provide access to high areas such as countertops in the event of flooding.
- Plan for feeding by leaving dry-type foods that are relatively unpalatable to prevent overeating.
- Leave water in bathtubs or other sturdy containers that will not spill.
- Never leave you pets outside during a storm.
- Never leave a cat with a dog even if they are normally friendly.

A Pet Disaster Supply Kit should include:

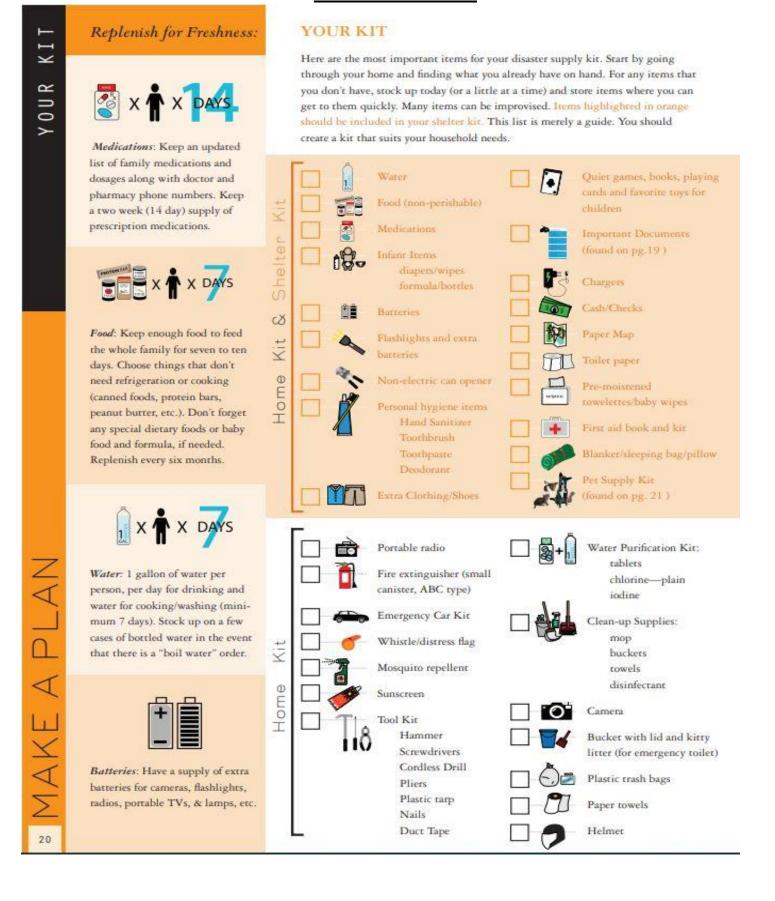
- Medications and Medical Records (stored in a waterproof container)
- Carriers for transporting pet
- Current photo of your pet
- Dry food

AFTER A SEVERE STORM PROCEDURES

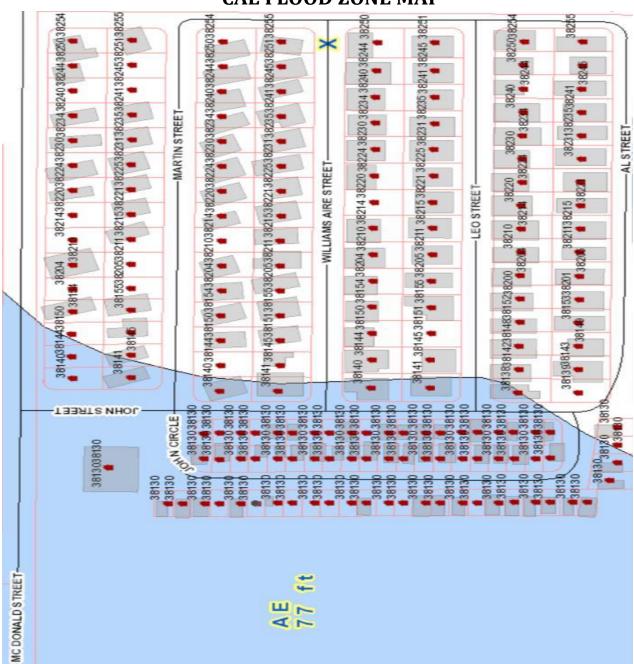
- Do not attempt to return to your home until authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Make the CAE Association Office aware when you do return to your home by email at cae.mhp.hoa@gmail.com or call (352) 567-3630.
- Be aware of downed or loose powerlines. Report them to the power company (TECO), police or fire department.
- When you are able to enter your home, use caution. Open windows and doors to ventilate or dry out your home. Do not use candles or open flames indoors. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage.
- If your home has gas lines, check for gas leaks. If you smell or hear a blowing or hissing noise quickly leave the building and leave the door open. Call your gas company right away.
- Look for electrical system damage. If you see sparks or frayed wires, turn off electricity at the main fuse box. If you must step in water to reach the electric box, contact an electrician for advice.
- Check for sewage and water line damage. If you suspect damage, call the Country Aire Service Corporation (The Water Board), not the HOA office to report sewage/water line damages. Do not drink or prepare food with tap water until you have been notified that it is safe to do so.
- Take photos of any damages, both the house and its contents for any insurance claims.
- Contact your insurance agent.
- Owner is responsible to clean up area around their home <u>after</u> you have taken pictures. Pile up debris in front of home in separate piles yard waste separated from house waste. Tarp your home if your roof has sustained damage. Do everything you can to keep debris from blowing over to neighbors' yards. Manage your expectations during a crisis. The Board of Directors encourages owners to help each other if they are physically able, but your neighbors may or may not come to help you. Be prepared to manage any damage cleanup or contracting for help on your own. Contractors are hard to get in a crisis and it can take weeks or months to start repairs to your home.
- Stay hydrated. Drink lots of water. Heat exhaustion is very serious in seniors. CAE will try to have a cooling room available for owner/resident use.
- Within hours of any disaster, the affected community will be besieged by companies and individuals looking for work and/or offering disaster recovery services. This group will consist of qualified professionals (licensed and bonded contractors), as well as con men and profiteers who prey upon the misfortune of others. The best advice is to not go with the first offer/contract offered to you, but rather stick to a plan that anticipated the five (5) phases of reconstruction:
 - 1. Project planning/scheduling
 - 2. Construction bidding
 - 3. Contract negotiation
 - 4. Construction/rehabilitation
 - 5. Project completion/close out

These are intervening steps you should take which may require contracts of short duration and for specific purposes. Contracts should be reviewed to ensure that proper precautions are taken. It is recommended to only hire licensed/bonded contractors.

PASCO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S EMERGENCY KIT



CAE FLOOD ZONE MAP



PASCO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S RESOURCE LIST

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS BLEEDINGCONTROL.ORG EMERGENCY 9-1-1 CDC.GOV 211 REFERRAL LINE2-1-1 DHS.GOV CUSTOMER SERVICE.......727-847-2411 DISASTERSAFETY.GOV EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.......727-847-8137 EGOV.PASCOCOUNTYFL.NET/ALERTPASCO/ FACEBOOK.COM/PASCOCOUNTY AMERICAN RED CROSS.......727-848-8354 FEMA.GOV ANIMAL SERVICES FINDINGROVER.COM FLASH.ORG LAND O' LAKES813-929-1212 FLOODSMART.GOV NEW PORT RICHEY727-834-3216 FLORIDADISASTER.ORG CATHOLIC CHARITIES352-686-9897 HIGHWINDSAFEROOMS.ORG DISASTER DISTRESS HOTLINE......800-985-5990 HLORG DUKE ENERGY 800-228-8485 KNOWYOURSTUFF.ORG FEDERAL ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOMES 877-221-7233 MYSAFEFLORIDA.ORG PASCOCOUNTYFL.NET FLORIDA CONSUMER FRAUD HOTLINE ... 866-966-7226 PASCOSHERIFF.COM FLORIDA TERRORISM HOTLINE......855-352-7233 PETSWELCOME.COM HIGHWAY PATROL352-797-5738 READY.GOV NOAA WEATHER RADIO FIPS code 012101 REDCROSS.ORG SALVATION ARMY.......727-815-8539 SALVATIONARMYUSA.ORG SHERIFF TAMPABAYPREPARES.ORG MAIN OFFICE727-847-5878 USDA.GOV NON-EMERGENCY727-847-8102 VOA.ORG WEATHER.GOV SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION727-847-8137 TO REPORT POWER OUTAGES......877-588-1010 DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER ELECTRIC.......352-588-5115

Country Aire Estates Contact Information

HOA Office Phone Number: (352) 567-3630

HOA Email: cae.mhp.hoa@gmail.com

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HOA Mailing Address: 38130 McDonald Street, Dade City, FL 33525

Community Association Manager/Emergency Contact for after HOA Office Hours: William Gorman: phone: (407) 491-2230 email: wgorman11@yahoo.com

Country Aire Estates Service Corporation (Water and Sewage Company)

Main Phone Number: (207) 233-1484 Main Email Address: TRyan72721@aol.com