

BETMAR ACRES CLUB, INC.

**A 55+ Older Community
Operating Policy and Procedure**

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HURRICANE/STORM SHELTER POLICY

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Version 132.2

SCOPE: Establishes policy and provides Betmar residents basic information regarding the use of our clubhouses during and after a hurricane or storm. Applies to Properties Councilor and Vice Councilor, Betmar Office personnel and **all** Betmar Residents.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to describe pre-preparation information available for residents. Outlines policy and procedures for use, reporting of damage and opening of clubhouses after hurricanes or storms resulting in power outages or damage to homes whereby residents need a safe place to stay.

POLICY:

- 1.** Betmar Acres Club Inc. Clubhouses are not certified for hurricane shelter use; thus, they will not be open during a hurricane storm. Residents should seek shelter with family, friends, hotels/motels or at an approved county shelter.
- 2.** If the authorities issue a MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER FOR MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOMES, BETMAR RESIDENTS MUST EVACUATE the park and seek shelter with family, friends, a motel/hotel, or an approved county shelter.

PROCEDURE:

- 1.** Hurricane information will be:
 - a. Permanently posted in each clubhouse
 - b. As a link on Betmar.org website.
 - c. Included in the Newcomer's packet.

2. Special Needs shelters are available in Pasco County. Residents must make prior arrangements and register for the shelter in advance of hurricane season.
 - a. The Betmar Office will have special needs applications.
 - b. Applications must be filled out **every year**.
 - c. The special needs shelters can provide transportation.

3. For your safety, the Properties Councilor and/or Properties Vice Councilor will:
 - a. Lock all clubhouses twenty-four (24) hours in advance of storm.
 - b. Ensure clubhouses remain locked until after the storm passes.
 - c. Once the storm passes and it is safe to venture outside, check each clubhouse for safe use.
 - d. If deemed safe, consider opening according to the needs of the Betmar community. (Power outages, flooding, damage)

4. Residents should:
 - a. Report property damage to the Betmar Office who in turn will notify the Properties Councilor.
 - b. Check on neighbors.
 - c. Notify the office if neighbors have needs/injuries/illness.
 - d. Help out neighbors as much as possible.

5. If residents need a safe place to go due to power outages or damage to homes, the Properties Councilor will:
 - a. Consider (based on number of Betmar residents reporting) the number of clubhouses needing to be opened for a safe place for Betmar residents.
 - b. Notify clubhouse supervisors (listed in the Betmar directory) if their clubhouse will be opening and to pick up their shelter folders stored in the Betmar Office.
 - i. A clubhouse supervisor or their substitutes, will stay in the opened clubhouses at all times.
 - ii. They will set up their area for specified use and post appropriate signs.
 - iii. They will restock supplies as needed.
 - iv. Assign cleaning responsibilities to those sheltering.

- c. Suspend activities in the affected clubhouses.
 - d. Notify Betmar members of clubhouse openings via Betmar office personnel, email, word of mouth and website.
6. Betmar residents only who must spend the night in an officially opened clubhouse, will be allowed:
 - a. A blanket/sleeping bag, pillow
 - b. Either a lounge or air mattress (twin or queen only)
 - c. Non-perishable food, snacks and drinking water.
 - d. NO GLASS CONTAINERS.
 - e. A tote to store the above in (plastic or cloth).
7. NO PETS ALLOWED in the clubhouses. Certified service animals are exempt. Must be wearing their vest and owner possess certification paperwork.
8. Residents spending the night MUST sign IN and OUT every time they leave and return.
 - a. Clubhouses will be locked for security from 9pm-7am.
 - b. NO ONE will be admitted or allowed to leave.
9. NO BETMAR PROPERTY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PERSONAL USE. (ie: pool lounges)
10. Perishable foods may be DONATED TO THE KITCHEN FOR USE IN PROVIDING MEALS FOR ALL RESIDENTS.
 - a. Facilities will not be available to store personal resident food.
 - b. Individuals will not be allowed to use the kitchens for any reason.
11. Assigned volunteers will prepare simple meals at 8am, 12noon, and 5pm.
 - a. Residents staying in their damaged homes without utilities may come to the opened clubhouse for scheduled meals.
 - b. Everyone can donate their perishable food for sharing.

VERSION	APPROVED BY	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	AUTHOR
132	Acres Board of Directors	2-21-19	Repealed by 132A and 132B	UNK
132-A 132-B	Acres Board of Directors	3-19-20	Replaced 132	Hurricane Comm
132.1	Acres Board of Directors	3-16-23	Combines 132-A and 132-B	P and P Comm
132.2	Acres Board of Directors	2-15-24	Remove sign/add service animals allowed	P and P comm

Approved

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Chairperson: _____ Date: _____

President Betmar Owners, Inc./Betmar Acres Club, Inc.:

_____ Date: _____

Three (3) Year Policy and Procedure Committee Review Date: 2026

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