

GENERAL HURRICANE INFORMATION
BE PREPARED TO FEND FOR YOURSELF FOR THE FIRST 72 HOURS AFTER

**During the storm Emergency Services (Police, Fire and Ambulances)
may not be able to help you out.**

Phone lines may be down – roads may be blocked

Be Ready! HAVE AN EVACUATION PLAN

MAKE THIS PLAN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON. You will be ready and thus not so stressed. You will have a day or so to finalize your plans in case a mandatory evacuation is ordered.

There may be times you feel uneasy staying in your home even though there is no mandatory evacuation order.

Go with your gut feeling. There is no dishonor in leaving your home for Safer Shelter.

Manufactured Homes are especially dangerous during severe storm events no matter how

Well secured. We don't really worry about the flooding but more about the wind damage done by high wind gusts.

The Betmar Hurricane Policy states: "any time a hurricane is to strike the area within 24 hours Betmar Clubhouses will be closed and locked.

Designate an out of state friend or relative to serve as your family contact. Let them know how and where you are during or after the storm. Other family members can check with them as they may not be able to reach you. Phones should be used for emergency only. **You may be able to text more easily than call** during a bad storm as phone service will be limited.

ALWAYS: Keep your car gassed up. Gas supplies will be limited during a storm. If the power fails pumps will not work. Check your oil, water, tires and auto emergency equipment.

Get cash EARLY – **small bills and change are best**. No electric means no banks, no ATMs and no use of credit cards. Vendors may not be able to change big bills.

Have your TO GO BAG ready.

Follow Local Evacuation Instructions.

LEAVE EARLY - AVOID CONGESTION AND GAS SHORTAGES DURING THE 48 HOURS BEFORE A HURRICANE IS SUPPOSED TO HIT!

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO EVACUATE HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY.

Make arrangements to stay with Family or Friends, maybe someone from your Church or Social Club, or a Motel/Hotel outside the evacuation area. Maybe the Special Needs Shelter (fill out your application) **Make your plans early...**

BE SURE THE BETMAR OFFICE HAS AN UPDATED INFORMATION SHEET.

Everyone who lives in Betmar should be sure that this information is up to date.

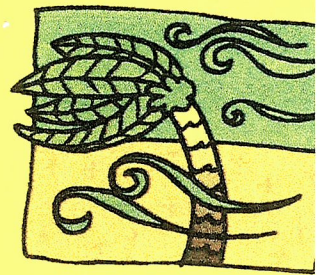
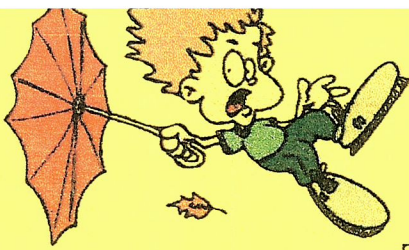
REMEMBER --- THE FIRST 72 IS UP TO YOU!

BE PREPARED!

HURRICANE CATEGORY & DAMAGES CAUSED

CATEGORY	WIND SPEED	EFFECTS
1	74mph – 95mph	Some power outages Poorly attached roof shingles can fly away Unsecured Mobile/Manufactured Homes flipped
2	96mph – 110mph	Extensive power outages & Possible Loss of Drinkable water ROOF DAMAGE IS COMMON Trees uprooted, snapped branches MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOMES SEVERLY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED
3	111mph – 129mph	Power lost for weeks Water loss and contamination likely Residential & Utility Buildings damaged Buildings without foundations are destroyed Large number of trees uprooted and destroyed
4	130mph – 156mph	Power and water loss lasts for weeks Residential homes destroyed Mobile/Manufactured Homes Flattened Most trees down & Extensive inland flooding
5	157mph++	Complete building destruction Total roof failures Nearly all trees down

****GUSTING WINDS CAN BE MUCH HIGHER
CAUSING MORE DAMAGE****



BE PREPARED THE FIRST 72 HOURS IS UP TO YOU

Living here in Betmar is a great lifestyle but when hurricanes/tornadoes head our way our manufactured homes cannot be considered a safe place to shelter. Our clubhouses are not rated as shelters and thus are not safe to stay in. We hope we don't have to "buckle up for a bumpy ride", but it certainly never hurts to be prepared. **PREPARE EARLY! HAVE A PLAN.**

Know where you will go in an emergency. A shelter, a family/friend's home, hotel?

If you are evacuating – you do not have to go hundreds of miles but to avoid problems of congestion or gas shortages **LEAVE EARLY!**

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH: Sustained winds over 74 mph (Cat. 1) expected within 48 hrs.

Review the Hurricane Information – Information posted in each club house, Betmar.org, Pasco County, Check that your **TO GO BAG** is packed and ready to go at a moment's notice.

Keep your car's gas tank filled.

Stock up on drinking water. Use jugs, pitchers, pots and pans in the refrigerator.

Be sure you have a sufficient supply of medications (several weeks) and money (small bills are best).

Protect windows by lowering awnings or installing window protection.

Bring in outdoor furniture, lawn ornaments and clear your yard of loose objects.

Let your family/friends/the Betmar Office know what your emergency plans are.

Stay tuned to the Radio/T-V for weather reports.

DURING A HURRICANE WARNING: Sustained winds over 74 mph (Cat. 1) are expected within 24 hours.

Turn your refrigerator up to its highest level. Only open it when absolutely necessary.

Pull down blinds and curtains over windows to prevent injury from flying glass.

Store water in your bathtub, washing machine, or any other type of container.

Use this water for flushing the toilet and bathing.

Put your **TO GO BAG** and your **SURVIVAL KIT** in your car.

Plan to evacuate, if ordered. **LEAVE EARLY.**

EVACUATION: Sustained winds 96 – 110 mph (Cat. 2) with higher wind gusts

**ALL RESIDENTS of MANUFACTURED HOMES are REQUIRED BY LAW
to leave if an Official Evacuation Order is given for your area.**

Make sure your home is secure and then leave immediately.

Turn off your water, gas and maybe your electricity. Close all interior doors.

Let your family/friends and the Betmar Office know you are leaving.

EVACUATE EARLY – to the safe home of family/friends, a Motel/Hotel or a designated shelter.

Take your **TO GO BAG** and your **SURVIVAL KIT** with you.

Be sure you have proper ID as well as electric or water or tax bill in your name for your Betmar Address
as this may help you when you are coming back.

ABOVE ALL ELSE STAY SAFE!

YOUR SURVIVAL KIT

These supplies will supplement your Emergency TO GO BAG AFTER THE STORM

A DURABLE CONTAINER – that you can transport, preferably watertight. Tape it closed.

You can leave this in your locked car just in case. Put what you can in Zip Lock type bags for additional protection inside kit.

All ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS – placed in your container. Copies of your Social Security Card, Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Passport, Insurance policies with agent's information, Wills, Trust Agreements, Bank Account Statements, Check Book, Charge Card information, Car/Boat Titles, Medical Insurance Information, List of all your meds and any other important papers. **You can scan and store these on a flash drive.**

CASH – Small Bills/Coins. If looking for supplies from a vendor they may not have change for big bills. Banks & ATMs may not have electric to open or may have been destroyed.

FOOD – powdered drinks, protein bars, peanut butter, canned goods that provide energy, snack foods in single serving size (fruit cups, crackers, pudding), PARMALET shelf milk, gallon of water per person per day. Have enough for each person for two weeks. Special dietary needs. Manual Can Opener. Disposable plates/utensils.

FLASHLIGHT, PORTABLE RADIO, BATTERIES or SOLAR CHARGERS

FIRST AID SUPPLIES – Remember Emergency Services may not be able to reach you.

HYGIENE SUPPLIES – hand wipes, shaver, toothbrush, toothpaste, liquid soap, shampoo, deodorant, towel and washcloth. Hand Sanitizer, toilet paper, insect spray, sunscreen, air freshener, Clorox wipes

SPARE GLASSES/CONTACTS – SUNGLASSES – HEARING AIDS AND EXTRA BATTERIES

ENTERTAINMENT - that doesn't require electricity or wi-fi (cards, dominos, books, board games, corn hole).

PHOTOS OF YOUR HOME AND CONTENTS – taken before the storm. Can be on a flash drive.

Change of clothes – extra pair sturdy shoes, long pants and long-sleeved shirt etc.

Pet Emergency Kit: Make plans as to where you and your pet will go ahead of time.

Remember Betmar has a NO PET POLICY for ALL of its Club Houses.

Carrier – to transport your pet safely and prevent them from escaping. Sturdy Leash, harness/collar, pets bedding, toys, litter, poop bags, drinking water from home (changes in water can make a pet sick), manual can opener if they eat canned food, food for 2wks (4 if on a special diet), IMMUNIZATION RECORD, Vet Contact information.

REMEMBER SHELTERS ARE NOT HOTELS

**THEY OFFER A SAFE PLACE BUT ARE OFTEN CROWDED AND NOISY!
WITH LIMITED RESOURCES!**

You might want to talk to Family and Friends, your Church Family or Social Club you may want to talk with them ahead of time to see if any of them would open their homes to you if you needed to evacuate.