

# Hurricane



## PREPAREDNESS & EVACUATION INFORMATION

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**THINK. PLAN. ACT.**

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### Hurricane Season June 1 – November 30

#### Forecasts

### Ormond Lakes Homeowners Association

#### Evacuation-

Hurricane preparedness should be a priority in your home. The county will make the decision to evacuate based on the projection and intensity of an impending storm. Have a plan on how you would secure your home and where you would go if you need to evacuate. Please take evacuation seriously, plan for the unexpected that could leave you without outside access for some time.

#### TROPICAL CLIMATE

- **Tropical Depression** – An organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds \* of 38 mph (33kt\*) or less.
- **Tropical Storm** – An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 mph (34-36kt).
- **Hurricane** – An Intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 kt) or higher.

#### Saffir-Simpson Scale

**Category 1:** Sustained winds of 74.95 mph

**Category 2:** Sustained winds of 96-110 mph

**Category 3:** Sustained winds of 111-129 mph

**Category 4:** Sustained winds of 130-156 mph

**Category 5:** Sustained winds of 157 + mph

**Hurricane Watch** - A hurricane may strike your area within 24-48 hours

### Preparation Plan ...

#### Be Prepared

Residents are urged to develop a disaster preparedness plan before an emergency strikes. Plan in advance where you will stay, how you will get there and what supplies you will take.

1. Make arrangements with friends or relatives living in a non-evacuation area or check into a hotel located inland: or, as a last resort, use a public shelter.
2. Have a transportation plan for emergencies.
3. Tell family or neighbors where you would go to stay in case of an emergency.
4. If you own a boat have a plan to secure it or take it elsewhere. ( see Boats )
5. Don't leave your pet behind make arrangements with a kennel or friend to care for your pet. There are Hotels that will accept pets with prior registration. (see Pet Friendly Hotels pg. 2)

#### Before Evacuating Secure Your Home

Take down and bring in any signs, tables, garbage cans, plants, furniture, umbrellas, and other loose and/or unsecured structures from balconies.

Please keep the following in mind when preparing your home before evacuating:

- Fill Prescriptions and fill vehicle gas tanks
- Unplug TV/computer and other electronic devices
- Move furniture and electronics away from windows and cover with plastic.
- Turn refrigerator to it's coolest setting
- Place valuables in waterproof containers and store in high place.

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## **HURRICANE PROCEDURES – JUNE 2021**

Hurricane Season is June 1-November 30

Dear Residents:

We composed an alphabetical outline of hurricane procedures for **Ormond Lakes Homeowners Association** and how they will affect your family. Make plans now on where you plan to stay. Stock up on food items; water (1 gallon per day per person); flash lights; battery powered radio; first aid kit; and prescription medications to avoid the rush at the stores.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

Emergency services will probably not be available in a timely fashion, if at all, due to impassable roadways and they prioritize those most in need. If you have a medical condition that could warrant a need, you might want to consider other arrangements until after the storm. There will be no electricity in the homes once we lose FPL service. Plan accordingly.

### **EVACUATION:**

Mandatory evacuation, if necessary, will be mandated by the local authorities. Complete all storm preparations and follow local emergency management official's advice. In addition, fallen trees could make the roadways impassable.

### **HURRICANE "WATCH":**

This is when conditions are possible in the specified area, and can affect more than 100 miles of coastline. Evacuation zones are identified by the likelihood of being flooded by this rising water.

### **HURRICANE "WARNING":**

This is when hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning within twenty-four (24) hours of landfall. Complete all storm preparations and immediately follow local emergency management official's advice about evacuating dangerous or low-lying locations.

### **INSURANCE:**

Pictures and videos of the contents to your home are crucial if you need to put in a claim to your insurance company. Also, copies of warranty booklets with model and serial numbers of your personal property should be kept with the pictures. If you are leaving your home, it is advisable to take copies of your pictures and policies with you. In the event your local agent is not available, make sure you have a corporate headquarters office telephone number to call.

### **ENTRY:**

**"WARNING." It is possible the entrance gate transponder system may be temporarily down. Make sure you properly secure your vehicle and its contents. The gate will be locked in an open position for the duration of the storm.**

### **GUESTS:**

Guests should be kept at a minimal when a Hurricane Warning is issued and after the storm has passed until the building is fully operational again.

### **LEAVING YOUR HOME:**

We advise you to call family members and let them know where you are going **before** you leave because phone service might be out, due to high winds, by the time you get to your destination. (See EVACUATION section above).

### **NON-RESIDENT OWNERS:**

If you are not in residence, you need to note the following:

1. The staff will not have time to check your home. Please make a plan for a relative, friend or neighbor to check your home before and after the storm. Make sure your doors and windows are secure and any outdoor items are brought inside.
2. Make sure your main water line in to your home is turned off prior to vacating the property. Also shut the breaker to your hot water heater.

**PETS:**

Most shelters do not permit pets. Pets cannot be left in the home unattended. Should you decide to leave the county please make proper arrangements with your vet, kennel, friends or family to care for your pet.

**POOL:**

The pool furniture will be stored during hurricane "WATCH". If you plan on using the pool area, we apologize for the inconvenience of not having chairs on the pool deck available. The pool will be chlorinated during hurricane "WATCH" and will remain out of commission for at least two (2) days after the storm.

**RECOVERY AFTER THE STORM:**

After the storm, roadways may be impassable making it impossible to return to the community. The landscaping crew, once they are able to return to work, will make a diligent effort to clear the roadways. Electricity and water may not be available until local utility providers can respond to the area. You should have water on hand to carry you through until services are restored.

**RETURNING TO THE PROPERTY:**

Please be patient; officials' priority is public safety. Listen to the local news media for possible road closures and curfews. A reoccupation order can take hours, days or even weeks depending on the severity of damage to the roads, bridges and buildings. **After the order for reoccupation is issued, you may have to provide proof of residency to access certain roadways.** This is to protect your home and/or business from unwelcome visitors.

**SHELTER FOR EVACUATION:**

The public shelters are far from comfortable. You must bring a bed roll, pillow, food for at least three meals, flash lights, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, diapers, and water for each person in your family. The supply of food is limited and might not be to your liking.

**STAFF:**

Ormond Lakes Homeowners Association staff and property manager will only be available for a short period once a hurricane "WATCH" is issued. When the area is in hurricane "WARNING", all staff will be on their way home. Key personnel may stay on a *voluntary* basis only and as time permits them to reach their homes safely. **No personnel will be present until the storm has passed.** Please remember, the staff must secure their own homes and families.

**WATER**

If you are staying in your home, you might lose water pressure due to a lack of utility service or loss of electric for the pump stations. Keep at least one gallon of water per person for each day. A two week supply is prudent. Clean your tub with bleach and fill your tub for cooking, washing and to flush your toilets.

You can find further information on preparing for a storm, important phone numbers, and shelter information at [Hurricanes \(volusia.org\)](http://Hurricanes.volusia.org)

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We hope this pamphlet has been informative and will assist you during storm preparations.  
Good Luck!