

# Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

## It's That Time of Year Again

Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30 – August, September, & October can be tumultuous and see the most storm activity. Make preparations now, whether you are in residence through the summer or elsewhere in the world:

- Secure Property – all furniture and loose objects should be brought indoors; clean, lubricate and test shutters for closure; test generators; by now roofs should have been inspected and tuned up. Take photographs or a video of your property, both interior and exterior, for insurance purposes. Flood insurance is a wise investment.
- Trees need to be trimmed by the end of June.
- Hurricane kits should be checked and replenished. Refer to checklists provided in publications from the county, city and at stores such as Publix. Headlamps and battery powered fans are favorites of many of us.
- Create a communications plan, whether you are in residence or not – with point people in your village, your home caretaker, etc.
- You should have copies of important documents in an alternate location other than your home in Boca West. Keep your insurance policy and agent's number handy. Files should be stored in a higher place than ground floor.
- For very elderly residents and those with special needs, a plan should be in place for communication with family members in other areas of the country and consideration should be given to staying elsewhere, such as a hotel, if we are threatened with a storm. Caregivers may be tending to their own families.
- Please understand that all emergency workers and staff will be consumed with clearing roadways to check on property and persons with special needs. Depending on the strength of a storm, these workers may not be able to access the area immediately. We are virtually on our own for a period of time and need to be secure.

If you are staying for the summer, please stop by the Security Office to pick up a Help Alert Door Hanger.

Stay Safe,

**BOCA WEST MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.**