

CAPRI ISLE GARDEN APARTMENTS #2
TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE CHECKLIST
FOR THE RESIDENTS
As of OCTOBER 2018



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Introduction

This book is not intended to cover every aspect of preparedness when it comes to tropical storms or hurricanes. But is intended to give you enough background information to better educate yourself on what to do if you decide to ride out or evacuate during a major storm.

Routine Preparation

Resident Routine Preparation

- **Obtain a Local Hurricane Guide:** Treasure Island has its own preparedness guide that includes evacuation plans, shelter locations, important contact numbers, survival kit recommendations, re-entry requirements, and more. Information is on their web-site:
 - http://www.mytreasureisland.org/departments/fire_department/hurricane_preparedness.php
- **Sandbags:** Treasure Island does not provide sandbags. Pinellas County does provide sandbags. Here is the website for a list of sandbag locations.
 - <http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/sandbags.htm#city>
- **Treasure Island Re-Entry Hang Tags:** You'll need proof of Treasure Island residency or ownership to receive hang tag. Any one of the following will do:
 - Current Vehicle Registration
 - Current Valid Driver's License
 - Current Voter ID
 - Rental agreement (6 months minimum)
 - Utility Bill (4 month minimum)
 - Treasure Island Property Owner (tax bill or deed)You are asked to hang the tag from your vehicle's rearview mirror for re-entry post-evacuation. Law enforcement officers will be posted at entry points where they will scan the barcode on your permit to verify your residency. Here is the website on how to get a tag.
 - http://www.mytreasureisland.com/departments/re-entry_decals.php
- **Hurricane Guidelines:** The following web-sites are packed full of information on hurricane preparation and responses that supplements the information found in the Treasure Island web-sites. It is recommended that you familiarize yourself with these web-sites, to educate yourself on what activities need to be accomplished so you can construct a plan of action.

<https://www.osha.gov/dts/weather/hurricane/preparedness.html>

<https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/supplies.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/index.html>

https://www.cdc.gov/phpr/readiness/00_docs/CDC_Hurricanes_PreparednessSafetyMessaging_June2018_508.pdf

- **Update Your Contact Information:** Unit owners and residents should make sure that the board has their accurate phone number, address and email address.
- **Hurricane Shutters, Windows, & Doors:** Unit owners should consider installing hurricane shutters.
- **Disabled Resident Assistance:** Any residents that would need assistance in the event of an evacuation should inform the association and also reach out to their city and/or county to sign up for emergency aid.
- **Consider Homeowner's Insurance:** All unit owners should consider homeowners insurance (generally called a HO-6 policy) for their condominium. Per Florida Statutes Chapter 718.111(11)(f), in the event of a casualty to the condominium property, unit owners are responsible for repairing or replacing the following items:
 - All personal property
 - Floor, wall and ceiling coverings
 - Electrical Fixtures
 - Appliances
 - Water heaters
 - Water filters
 - Built-in cabinets and countertops
 - Window treatments including curtains, drapes, blinds, hardware
- **Photograph Your Home and Valuables:** It is worthwhile for every unit owner or resident to photograph their condominium to capture all of the personal property within a unit. After a storm, this can be a helpful way to identify items that are missing. For unit owners with homeowners insurance, photographing the property (and valuable items in particular such as TVs) may make processing claims with their insurance companies much easier. It is prudent to contact your insurance company and ask them what they would ideally like to see in the event of a major claim post hurricane. They can typically provide guidance on how to properly prepare

- **Create a Survival Kit:** Keep a survival kit in your unit that you can grab in the event of an evacuation. A survival kit should include at a minimum: fresh water supply, batteries, canned goods, NOAA weather alert radio, proper identification, important documentation (e.g., birth certificates, social security cards, insurance policies), proof of ownership of your condominium (will be necessary to get back onto the island after a severe storm where major damage was sustained), cash, and medications.
- **Learn about FEMA:** Unit owners should familiarize themselves with FEMA’s Individual Program, which provides assistance to people whose property has been damaged or destroyed. Identify who to call and how to apply for aid in the event your unit is unlivable after a storm.
Their web-site is: <https://www.fema.gov/individual-disaster-assistance>
- **Volunteer to Aid the Board:** The board should encourage unit owners to aid management and the Board in securing the property prior to a storm. Board members and property manager have their own homes to take care of and because of this, it is not unusual for common areas to be neglected. A list of willing residents will be created with their contact information and update this list annually. This list will be distributed to all board members.

After a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning

Resident “To Do” List

- **Clear Patios & Hallways:** Residents should bring any personal property on patios or hallways inside their units.
- **Designate a Safe Room:** Designate a room in your unit that provides the most shelter from the storm. Typically, this is an interior room with no windows.
- **Stay Tuned:** Keep the radio or TV tuned to emergency frequencies, the local news, or the weather channel for regular updates. Consider purchasing a NOAA weather alert radio.
- **Consider Boarding Windows:** If the board has not already done so, consider boarding your windows. If you are unable to board your windows from the outside, boarding them from the inside will still help to protect the interior of your unit.
- **Establish An Evacuation Plan:** Residents should know that all of Treasure Island is evacuation zone A, and know where they will go once an evacuation is required, plus the location of the nearest shelters (including if the shelter accepts pets – see www.floridapets.net).

- **Charge Your Electronics:** All residents should charge cell phone, camera and laptop batteries and consider purchasing backup batteries.
- **Prepare Your Vehicle:** Residents should fill up their cars with gas and check tire pressure. The sooner this is done the better, as lines at gas stations tend to get longer as the storm approaches. Residents should also consider getting and filling a 5 gallon gas can as reserve fuel. Since traffic can be heavy and very slow moving.
- **Fill Your Bathtub:** Residents who elect to stay should store drinking water in large containers or in the bathtub, as tap water may not be safe to drink for some time after the storm.
- **Set Freezer & Fridge to Coldest Settings:** Residents who elect to stay should set their freezer and refrigerator to the coolest setting to protect food for as long as possible in the event that electricity is lost. It is prudent to have several days' worth of food on hand that does not require refrigeration.
- **Protect Personal Property:** Residents should consider moving valuable items away from windows and doors. A supply of towels should be kept on hand to address any water entry during the storm. A Shop Vac or any other vacuum capable of picking up water would also be helpful.

After an Evacuation Order

Resident "To Do" List

- **Traffic Check:** Residents should check local evacuation routes to determine which is the best option and leave as quickly as possible (traffic becomes heavier the closer the storm becomes).
- **Refrigerator and Freezer Clean Out:** To avoid rotting food if power is lost, refrigerators and freezers should be cleaned out prior to evacuation.
- **Unplug Electronics & Appliances:** Turn off and unplug any computers, printers, routers, coffee makers, and other appliances or electronics. If possible, remove electronics from the floor and place them in the highest available location.
- **Water Shut Off:** Residents should shut off the unit's main water source.
- **Electricity Shut Off:** Residents should turn off the electricity prior to leaving using the breaker panels in their units.

- **Evacuate or stay at home:** If a hurricane or severe flooding is coming, you may hear an order to evacuate (leave your home). Never ignore an order to evacuate. Staying home to protect your property is not worth risking your health and safety.
 - **If you need to evacuate:** Only take what you really need with you, for example: your cell phone, chargers, medicines, identification (like a passport or license), and cash. Make sure you have your car emergency kit. Turn off the electricity and water. Also unplug your appliances. Follow the roads that emergency workers recommend even if there's traffic. Other routes might be blocked.
 - **If you need to stay home:** Keep listening to the radio or TV for updates on the hurricane or flooding. Stay inside. Even if it looks calm, don't go outside. Wait until you hear or see an official message that the storm is over. Sometimes, weather gets calm in the middle of a storm but then gets worse again quickly. Stay away from windows. Stay in a room with no windows, or go inside a closet. Winds can blow debris — like pieces of broken glass and other objects — at high speeds. Flying debris is the most common cause of injury during a hurricane. Be ready to leave. If emergency authorities order you to leave or if your unit is damaged, you may need to go to a shelter or a neighbor's house.

After a Tropical Storm or Hurricane

Resident "To Do" List

- **Returning to the Property:** Prior to returning to the property, residents should obtain the "go ahead" from local authorities and the association. You must have a Treasure Island Re-Entry Hang Tag to get back on the island. Priority is given to restoring services and insuring that roads are passable. Re-entry access maybe terminated at anytime to insure restoration of services. Once it is safe to return to the property, the association should inform residents via email or the community's website.
- **Proceed with Caution:** Returning to a damaged property can be dangerous. Local government provides guidance on things to consider when returning after a storm in their hurricane guides. The Red Cross also puts out a comprehensive guide on this subject. But here are few important tips:
 - Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
 - Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
 - Use the Facebook Safety Check to let family and friends know you're safe.
 - If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
 - Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.
 - Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
 - Stay out of the building that has water around it.

- Inspect your unit for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

Important Telephone Numbers

Police/Fire Emergency: Dial 911

Treasure Island Police: (727) 547-4592

Treasure Island Fire: (727) 547-4590

Water & Sewer Service: Provided by the City of Treasure Island through Pinellas County Utilities. Residential & Commercial: (727) 547-4575 ext. 223

Electricity Service: Provided by Duke Energy Residential & Commercial: (727) 443-2641

Cable TV Service: Provided by Spectrum (855) 222-0102 www.spectrum.com

Ameri-Tech Property Management Contact: Scott Vignery
Phone: 727-726-8000 ext:222
Cell- 727-224-4676

American Red Cross Tampa: 818 4th St N, St Petersburg, FL 33701
Cross Streets: Between 8th Ave N and 9th Ave N
(727) 898-3111

The Salvation Army, Emergency Disaster Services: 930 E 139 Ave, Tampa FL.
(813) 903-0944

Hurricane Category/Wind Speed Definitions

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is a 1 to 5 rating based on a hurricane's sustained wind speed. This scale estimates potential property damage. Hurricanes reaching Category 3 and higher are considered major hurricanes because of their potential for significant loss of life and damage. Category 1 and 2 storms are still dangerous, however, and require preparatory measures.

Category	Sustained Winds	Types of Damage Due to Hurricane Winds
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 74-95 mph• 64-82 kt• 119-153 km/h	Very dangerous winds will produce some damage: Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled. Extensive damage to power lines and poles likely will result in power outages that could last a few to several days.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 96-110 mph• 83-95 kt• 154-177 km/h	Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage: Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted and block numerous roads. Near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.
3 (Major)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 111-129 mph• 96-112 kt• 178-208 km/h	Devastating damage will occur: Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads. Electricity and water will be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.

<p>4 (Major)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 130-156 mph • 113-136 kt • 209-251 km/h 	<p>Catastrophic damage will occur: Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted and power poles downed. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.</p>
<p>5 (Major)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 157 mph or higher • 137 kt or higher • 252 km/h or higher 	<p>Catastrophic damage will occur: A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.</p>