

Monroe County Hurricane Preparation – Mobile Homes

Any mobile home, travel trailer or recreational vehicle is highly vulnerable to wind and water damage in a hurricane. You should NEVER stay in these structures during a hurricane.

The Monroe County Code of Ordinances, Section 6-16.1, H103, requires that:

- All mobile homes shall be tied down at all times that they are located in Monroe County except that display models in sales yards shall be required to tie down only from June 1 to December 1 in any calendar year or at any other time an official hurricane watch is declared.
- All travel trailers shall be tied down at all times from June 1 to December 1 in any calendar year or at any time an official hurricane watch is declared.
- Travel trailers that are not to be in Monroe County for a period in excess of fifteen (15) days shall be immediately removed from Monroe County if a hurricane watch is declared or ordered to do so by Emergency Management.
- It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property or the operator of a trailer park to ensure the compliance of each trailer with these requirements and for said owner or operator to furnish all necessary ground anchors.

Monroe County Emergency Management has issued the following mobile home hurricane procedures:

1. Purpose:
 - Mobile homes and recreational vehicles are particularly vulnerable to winds of hurricane force. In a hurricane emergency they can pose a dangerous threat to both their occupants and others around them. Owners or occupants of these facilities should observe the following procedures in the time frames designated.
2. Actions: Hurricane season (June 1 - December 1)
 - Winter residents and residents who plan on being gone from the area on a trip or vacation during hurricane season, before leaving should:
 - Check tie downs (including those on accessory structures, e.g., sheds),
 - Put up storm shutters
 - Secure or store all loose articles in yards and around trailers.
 - Notify the mobile park manager that you will not be in the area during hurricane season.
3. If residents are aware that a neighbor is leaving and he does not properly secure his property, it is recommended that he is made aware of his obligations to himself and his neighbors. Unsecured property may result in damage to them.
4. Residents remaining in the area during hurricane season should be aware that all persons living in a Mobile Home, Travel Trailer, RV, or Ground Level Modular Home will be ordered to evacuate their residences whenever a hurricane threatens their area. If a major hurricane (Category 3 or greater) is a threat and probabilities of coastal impact are high enough to require a County evacuation, residents living in these type of structures will be ordered to evacuate during a Hurricane Watch thereby assuring ample time to evacuate to the mainland. For a Category 2 or smaller storm, evacuation orders will be issued when Hurricane Warnings are issued by the National Hurricane Center.

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