

Hurricane Preparedness Tips – Hotels/Motels/Houses

For Tenants:

Evacuation from the eastern side of the Intracoastal Waterway is mandatory in any category of hurricane.

- ▶ Tenants/guests should be advised to leave the evacuation area and go to a Red Cross refuge.
- ▶ Tenants/guests should be provided the address of the nearest Red Cross refuge and given directions to reach same.
- ▶ Tenants/guests should leave as soon as the shelter is announced as being open.
- ▶ Frail, elderly or handicapped tenants, without transportation, should call the Disaster Hot Line at 831-4000 for assistance once a storm is approaching.

Preparing the Building and the Grounds:

Remove fragile objects from wall shelves; store in closets to safeguard them from the storm's vibrations.

Check and close all faucets; unplug all electrical appliances from wall outlets; disconnect television antennas from the sets.

Close and lock all windows:

- ▶ Draw blinds, shades and/or draperies.
- ▶ Place folded towels on the window sills to absorb leaking water.
- ▶ Wedge patio doors so they cannot be torn off.

Remove outdoor furniture, container plants, decorative objects from patios, terraces, verandas, porches and store them inside so they will not become flying missiles.

Test generator regularly so it is available for emergencies.

Check all equipment for readiness: fire extinguishers, first aid kits, tools, etc.

Install shutters (commercial type, plywood or masonite); check fasteners to make sure they fit snug against the wall.

PROVIDE an interior area away from windows and doors for tenants/guests in units west of Federal Highway as a refuge.

HOUSES

- ▶ The strongest part of a house is usually away from windows and exterior doors.
- ▶ The strongest wall in a two-story home is often near the stairwell; a closet or cubicle nearby may be the safest spot.
- ▶ In a one-story home, the strongest room is often a bathroom or walk-in closet near the center of the house.

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