

***GULF FRONT LAGOON AND TARPON CLUB***  
***HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLAN***  
***FOR OWNERS***  
***2025***

**A Board Member May Call an Emergency Meeting:**

- An informal community meeting may be called by a Board Member with those who are staying in place and are able to assist in helping with necessary safety issues for the community and after the storm cleanup.
- Captains may be assigned for key tasks;
- A running list of occupants in both buildings will be kept;
- All are asked to check in on elderly and ill neighbors;
- Do any owners have generators;
- Is anyone on medical equipment who needs electricity;
- Does anyone want to go to a shelter, but is unable; and
- Do any owners who are away need to be notified of a power outage?

**Balconies Cleared:**

- Remove all loose outdoor items that may become projectiles or cause irrefutable damage from your balcony, lanai, terrace, or parking space.

**Gates:**

**The Gates Will Be Locked OPEN:**

- When we loose power, both front gates automatically open and stay open; however, if they don't for some reason, *like bad batteries*, they can be manually opened by a Board Member.
- The gate pole arms are never to be lifted by hand.

**Generator Safety:**

- Keep in a well-ventilated location;
- Place generator so that fumes are facing away from the building;
- Fuel must be stored away from the buildings and be properly labeled;
- Never refuel a generator that is hot; and
- Place a thick wooden board under the generator to protect the walkway surface from gasoline leakage.

**Elevator Lock Down:**

- Elevators need to be LOCKED DOWN to the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor before wind and rain gets heavy, or sooner, if there is a possibility that a power failure could occur; and
- A NOTICE may be posted on the elevator prior to Lock Down, reminding residents to get errands done prior to Lock Down.

**Why Do We Need to Lock Down the Elevators:**

- *A locked down" on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor is necessary to protect the electronics, which are on the exposed top of the elevator cab, from getting wet and shorting out; we are not covered for this expensive repair.*
- *If the power goes out before elevators are locked down, the elevator will automatically go to the ground floor and the doors will open letting out any occupants that might be on the elevator;*
- *If elevator doors fail to open, they can be manually opened by a Board Member or past Board Member (See Emergency Phone Numbers posted in elevators, or call 911 for the Fire Department; there will only be a charge to the occupants who step into the ambulance for transport.)*

**Evacuation:****When an Evacuation Order is issued for Zone A:**

- Listen to local broadcasting for when evacuation shelters will be open; and
- Listen for which evacuation shelters are available; they fill up fast;
- The Palm Harbor schools are our Evacuation Shelters;
- The longer you wait to evacuate, the fewer options you will have;
- Complete final preparations to evacuate or to shelter in place; and
- Let your neighbors know of your plans to stay or leave.
- If you are evacuating, you may want to put towels around the bottom of your refrigerator in case of ice melting onto the floor during power outage.

**Lagoons and Marina Preparations:**

- Disconnect electric, water, and other dock connections, if any;
- Owners are advised to secure their dock storage boxes;
- Kayak owners are advised to remove their kayak(s) from the rack and place them in the garage at the head of their own parking space.

**Pool:**

- If pool water appears low, it has been drained to prevent overflow;
- Umbrellas, chairs, net etc, need to be stored in clubhouse sunroom; and
- Pool will be shut down.

**Power Loss:**

- Gate arms will automatically go up and stay locked up.
- Sign up to “Get Outage Alerts” at: <https://www.duke-energy.com> “Manage Alerts” or by texting: REG to 57801
- Place towels around the bottom of your refrigerator in case of ice melting onto your wood floors.

**Roadways and Walkways:**

- Roadways and walkways are to be kept free from obstructions; and
- After hurricane, roadways and walkways are to be cleared to allow for safe conditions and normal functioning of the property as soon as possible.

**Sandbags:**

- Listen to local broadcasts for locations of sandbagging distribution areas;
- You may want to sandbag your storage bin door; or assist in
- Sandbagging the garage elevator doors, the clubhouse lower-level front door; and back door to the Game Room.

**Stairways and Doorways:**

- Building doors are to be securely shut tight;
- No items are to be on the ground that may cause obstructions;
- It is a fire violation to store items blocking stairs and stairwells.

**Storm Drains and Sewer Outage:**

- Remove debris from your front balcony storm drains prior to hurricanes to allow for proper drainage; and
- If there is a “Sewer Outage,” do not flush, as a sewer backup may occur.

**Trash Dumpsters:**

- Dumpsters will be removed from the open pick-up area.
- FYI (*Extra pick-ups are only free for hurricanes, not storms.*)

**Water Shut Off:**

When there is a threat a hurricane is coming straight at us, the City of Tarpon Springs will automatically shut off the water without warning; thus no drinking or flushing. So, prior to a shut off, owners are to:

- Fill empty bottles for drinking water;
- Fill empty containers/buckets to fill water for washing and cleaning; and
- Collect water in the bath tub for flushing toilets.
- When water has been shut off: shut off water to toilets and open bath faucet

**To Receive Hurricane and Emergency Alerts:**

- Sign up at [pinellas.gov/AlertPinellas](http://pinellas.gov/AlertPinellas) to receive free emergency notifications via text.
- Sign up at “Ready Pinellas mobile app” as soon as a hurricane expected to affect Florida is announced.
- Sign up at [disaster.Pinellas.gov](http://disaster.Pinellas.gov) to receive up-to-the-minute updates.

**Phone Numbers:**

- Pinellas County Information Line: (727) 464-4333
- City of Tarpon Springs Emergency Center Line: (727) 938-3737

**Emergency Weather Platforms:****Stay Informed by Monitoring News Sources:**

Spectrum Channel 9 T.V.  
WUSF 89.7 FM (Public Radio)  
WMNF 88.5 FM (Community Radio)  
WFLA 970 AM (News Radio)  
[disaster.pinellas.gov](http://disaster.pinellas.gov) (on-line info)

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