

Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean is between June 1st and November 1st and our local weather forecasters have been reminding us to plan for our family's emergency needs for a 72-hour period. They recommend setting aside a supply of bottled water, non-perishable foods that need no cooking, a new supply of batteries, a battery operated radio, and all the medicines that your family may need. They also suggest having a copy of your important documents, prescriptions, insurance policies, and financial records with your emergency supplies and to expect

It doesn't hurt to share your emergency contact numbers with friends on your block and to think about where you all might gather in case of high winds or flooding. If you do decide to evacuate, let others know where you are going. If your block doesn't have a Neighborhood Watch program this might be a great time to think about forming one.

It is a fact that most of the homes that flooded during Hurricane Ike, Houston's last big storm were outside the established flood plain. It is not as well known that you do NOT have to be within a flood plain to purchase flood insurance. To track a storm or for information on flood insurance from the Harris County Flood Control District go to www.hcfcd.org or phone them at 713-684-4197.

Hurricane season is also a great time to check with your personal insurance agent to be sure that you have adequate coverage for the property you own. Remember that your personal property is NOT covered by the association's policy. It is designed to cover the common areas, pools, clubhouses, tennis courts, sidewalks, fences, etc, that are owned by the association.

Chaparral Management Company, the professional community association management company hired by the Board of Directors also has a Disaster Preparedness Plan for our community and our Board. An emergency team is assigned to our community and the Chaparral Management Company will alert our service contractors to assist after the storm has passed. If you see damage to our fences or clubhouse or any of the association's property, please report it as soon as possible to the Board and to Chaparral Management at 281-537-0957. They will be making inspections and working with the association's insurance company as soon as possible after the storm has passed and your reports will be very helpful.