# Neighborhood Resident / Homeowner

# **Disaster Plan**

# For

# The Isles of Sarasota

Date: APRIL 2022

NEIGHBORHOOD DISASTER PLAN

# **Table of Contents**

| Purpose                                  |                                  | page 3      |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Personal                                 | page 3 - 5                       |             |
| Hurrican                                 | page 6 - 9                       |             |
| Tornado, Floods, other Disaster Planning |                                  | page 9 - 10 |
| Resources and Contact Information        |                                  | page 11     |
| •  | Neighborhood Contacts            |             |
| ٠  | Sarasota County & Area Resources |             |

# The Isles Neighborhood

# **Disaster Plan**

## Purpose

The Isles Neighborhood Disaster Plan is a step-by-step plan for Isles Residents to follow in the event of a community emergency or disaster. The plan details the necessary supplies each homeowner should have on hand, provides a timeline for tasks to be carried out in the hours/days before a disaster strikes, and describes the roles and responsibilities of neighbors charged with implementing the plan. Additionally, the plan describes activities to be conducted during and after an event. This plan and many of its activities are coordinated by the Isles Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

This plan is to be reviewed annually by the Isles Neighborhood Homeowners Association and updated as needed.

## **Personal Preparedness**

In the event of a community disaster, local public emergency responders (Sheriff, Fire, EMTs) may not be able to immediately respond to residents' needs. Each resident should prepare for a disaster by taking the following steps and assembling a Personal Preparedness Disaster Kit containing the recommended supplies to last up to five days.

#### Immediate Actions to be taken: Persons with Special Needs

- Households of Persons with Special Needs must register with the Sarasota County Department of Emergency Management to receive assistance or help. This may include transportation to appropriate shelters. <u>PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL.</u> (application is available at <u>www.scgov.net</u> under Emergency Services) In addition, notify the HOA Property Manager of your special circumstances to ensure community awareness and that your emergency contact information is on file.
- Persons with Special Needs should (1) develop with their health care agency a plan for "Stay in Place" or Evacuate, (2) obtain documentation required for evacuation (physicians signature for required services and medications), and (3) have an

adequate supply of needed medications and equipment. Back up plans for items such as a respirators or oxygen should be in place with caregivers and physicians. Pre-registration with Florida Power and Light should also be completed.

#### Immediate Actions to be taken: All Residents

- Register for Alert Sarasota County Emergency Notification at AlertSarasotaCounty.com. This is a free service and relieves community personnel from performing this task. It is an automated system providing fast, effective and thorough information concerning Public Health, Safety and Wellness.
- Prepare a Family Notification Plan that includes all local and out of state persons as well as contact information deemed necessary in the event of an emergency. Remember that texting may be more accessible versus occur cell phone "calls" after an event occurs. Share the plan with appropriate people.
- Prepare both a "Stay in Place" and an Evacuation Plan. Follow appropriate steps for either plan provided in the Disaster Planning Guide (available at <u>www.scgov.net</u>).
- Check and maintain all home shutters and protective equipment. Provide Isles Property Manager with name and contact information of service provider if residence is vacant. As the Owner, you are responsible for installing or having all such equipment installed. Information provided to HOA is for confirming your approved supplier is performing the work needed. The Isles assumes no responsibility or liability for this service or damages.
- Obtain and monitor a NOAA Weather Radio
- Identify the location of the shut off for electricity and water to the home. Learn to operate those controls.

#### Immediate Actions to be taken: Residents with pets

- Pet owners are responsible for disaster planning for their pets.
- As shelters open, the media will identify pet friendly shelters (dogs and cats). Note: the <u>www.scgov.net</u> web site provides a printable set of Pet Shelter Rules that must be agreed to by you, prior admission to a shelter with your pet. Shelters require written proof of current license, rabies and vaccinations. Owners are responsible for the care of their pet while in a shelter.
- Take the following items in a pet survival kit if you go to friends, relatives, a shelter or a motel: Proper ID collar and rabies tag, current license, leash and carrier or cage, water, food bowls, an ample food supply (at least two weeks), specific care

instructions and any necessary medications. Mark all belongings with labels and/or identification.

## Personal Preparedness Disaster Kit

Please see the **Disaster Planning Guide** (www.scgov.net) for a complete list.

#### Common Disaster Kit Contents:

- Medicine(s) Prescription drugs required by all residents (Minimum 7 Days)
- First Aid Supplies (gauze, bandages, aspirin, tape, scissors, disinfectants, antiseptics, non-latex gloves, non-prescription drugs)
- Canned / Boxed Food
- Water (3 6 gallons per person)
- Flash Lights
- Weather Alert Battery Radio
- Extra Batteries
- Garbage Bags
- Manual Can Opener and Utensils
- Bug Spray
- Money small bills & quarters (ATMs may not work)
- Gloves work gloves
- Pet Supplies (If applicable)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Charged cell phone and telephone unit with a cord
- Identification and all Key Personal Documents (Put in plastic water proof container)
- Fuel for cars, chainsaws, tractors, generators
- Tools such as chainsaws, hammers, crowbars, nails, rope
- Coolers for ice and food
- Maps of evacuation routes and location of area shelters

# Resident / Homeowner Hurricane Plan

## **Pre-Event Planning**

Hurricane Season begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>. A Hurricane Watch is issued when a hurricane threatens a specific area within 36 Hours. A Hurricane Warning is issued when a hurricane threatens a specific area within 24 Hours.

The Isles Homes, Townhouses, Condos and Community Buildings are built to current hurricane standards. Damage, therefore, from storms and events may be minimized through proper maintenance and timely preparations. Each resident is ultimately responsible for enacting a preparedness plan. As soon as Sarasota County issues a Tropical Storm or Hurricane WARNING, resident must remove all outside objects. These must be moved inside to minimize damage and/or personal injury from flying debris.

#### **Resident Responsibilities**

- Ensure property is secure.
- Secure food & water supplies.
- Notify Isles Property Manager if staying or evacuating.
- Provide Isles Property Manager with emergency contact information.
- Ensure personal preparedness.

### **Pre-Event Planning Timeline**

#### 7-Day Alert of Potential Threat:

- An alert of Isles residents occurs if the following parameters are met: The storm is named by NOAA and forecasters indicate the storm has a significant potential to impact our area.
- The HOA property manager will issue an e-mail blast to all Isles residents to begin their personal preparations; e.g. re-check of their hurricane supplies, securing outdoor furniture and flower pots, coordination with shutter companies for shutter placement, and reminder of resident responsibilities as listed in the previous section.

#### 72 Hours Prior: A Hurricane Watch is issued at 36 Hours out

- Monitor storm movement.
- Review personal preparedness.
- Gather supplies.
- Check batteries.
- Refuel vehicles and equipment.
- Begin securing loose items.
- Consider options to evacuate.
- Note: Contracted shutter installations may begin

#### 48 Hours Prior: A Hurricane Warning is issued at 24 Hours out

- Activate personal preparedness plan.
- Consider taking photos of all rooms to document inventory of personal possessions (much easier to file for insurance should damages occur).
- Begin securing your home and pets.
- Complete gathering supplies.
- Ensure you have medicines, food, water, fuel and cash.

#### 24 Hours Prior:

- If you have not evacuated, secure a room(s) in your home to use as a safe room. This space should be an interior room away from windows and doors.
- Complete securing the home and shutters. Contain all loose items. All outdoor objects: patio furniture, hanging pots, potted plants, grills, hoses, decorative items and other unsecured materials must be removed and/or moved inside at this time.
- Monitor local news and weather stations for storm updates.

## **During the Event**

All residents will ensure they and their families are safe and secure during the onset of the storm. Sarasota County Emergency Personnel (including Isles CERT) will not respond until winds are less than 45 miles per hour. However, if there is a LIFE THREANTENING

emergency (fire/injury), FIRST call 911 (who can direct you accordingly) and contact The Isles CERT Incident Commander. Calls will be documented. Response is not guaranteed.

### After the Event

All residents will ensure they, their families and pets are safe and secure. Residents should **NOT** open or leave their home until all signs of the storm have subsided and winds are less than 45 miles per hour.

#### **Recovery Phase**

Immediately following the storm the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will establish an Incident Command Center and Treatment Area within the Town Center. CERT will conduct Search & Rescue to assess the health and safety of all Isles Residents. Once all Medical Emergencies have been addressed, Incident Command will begin the process of documenting the results of the storm and status of all Residents and Community Assets. The Isles Community Disaster Recovery Team under the guidance of the Homeowner Association Board of Directors will direct the recovery efforts. The Isles Board of Directors Emergency Powers may be implemented. Under these rules, the Isles Board of Directors may choose to close damaged property for occupancy and contract for items or services as outlined in the HOA Disaster Plan.

Property Owners are responsible for private residences. When appropriate, the Resident or Unit Owner should photograph or video damage for recordkeeping purposes. The Condominium Association in conjunction with the HOA is responsible for Condominium related assets and the HOA is responsible for Community Property. Unit owners not in residence may be instructed to call a special telephone number to find out specific information about their property.

Residents who were off-site during the event should check local news agencies and the Sarasota County website for updates on local conditions before re-entry. Proper identification may be required for re-entry. The HOA will update community websites whenever possible.

The Resident AND Unit Owner must contact their insurance agency representatives as required by their policy to begin their insurance claims.

#### **Resident Responsibilities**

- Ensure property, food and water supplies are secure.
- Find the First Aid station at the CERT Treatment Center in the Isles Town Center if needed and you are able to get there.
- Assess and document (photograph) property for damage.
- Contact CERT Incident Command at Isles Town Center to report injuries, damage and requests for assistance.
- Provide assistance to CERT Personnel or neighbors if possible.

# Tornado, Flooding and other Disaster Planning

# **Tornado Preparedness -** If a tornado or threatening weather warning is issued:

#### **Resident Responsibilities**

- Listen to local radio or TV.
- Move to a safe room an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.
- If possible, get under a heavy piece of furniture or doorframe.
- Stay away from windows, skylights or glass doors.
- Do not try to out-run a tornado in your car.
- If caught outside, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression.

#### After the Event

• Follow those post-event steps outlined in the Hurricane Preparedness Plan

## Flooding Preparedness - If a flood warning is issued:

#### **Resident Responsibilities – Pre-Event:**

- Notify persons identified within your family notification plan as to your status and plan.
- Check the supplies in your Personal Preparedness Disaster Kit.
- Move valuable objects to a higher level. Place them on shelves, tables and counters.
- Listen to local radio or TV.

#### **Resident Responsibilities – During the Flood:**

- Shut off electricity before the house is flooded.
- Stay on higher ground.
- Do not drive on a flooded road.
- Avoid walking in water.
- Be observant of downed power lines.

#### **Resident Responsibilities - After the Flood**

- Do not eat food that has come into contact with floodwater.
- Drink only bottled or purified water.
- Pet Owners should keep all pets contained and under control for the pet's health and safety.
- Stay away from disaster areas.
- Follow those post-event steps outlined in the Hurricane Preparedness Plan.

# **RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

# **Neighborhood Points of Contact**

| • | Isles Town Center: 5901 Benevento Drive               | 941-922-1298     |
|---|---|------------------|
| • | Isles Property Manager: Joshua Jones                  |                  |
|   | <ul> <li>E-Mail joshua.jones@argusmgmt.com</li> </ul> |                  |
| • | Argus Management Emergency & After Hours              | 941-951-4034     |
| • | CERT Incident Command:                                |                  |
|   | <ul> <li>Jim Fonk, Incident Commander</li> </ul>      | 941-312-5345 (H) |
|   |   | 414-305-2244 (C) |
|   | $\circ$ Linda Cape, Planning Chief                    | 941-922-0151 (H) |
|   |   | 847-334-1897 (C) |
|   | <ul> <li>Alice Sciarrino, Operations Chief</li> </ul> | 941-266-4553 (C) |
|   | <ul> <li>Chelita Houston, Logistics Chief</li> </ul>  | 813-300-8225 (C) |
|   |   |                  |

# Sarasota County and Area Resources

| • | American Red Cross                         | 941-379-9300 |
|---|--|--------------|
|   | ARC/Southwest Florida Office               | 941-379-9300 |
| • | FEMA Helpline                              | 800-621-3362 |
| • | Florida Power & Light - Emergency          | 800-468-8243 |
|   | Customer Service                           | 800-226-3545 |
| • | National Weather Service (Tampa Bay Area)  | 813-645-2323 |
| • | Salvation Army                             | 941-954-4673 |
| • | Sarasota County Emergency Call Center      | 941-861-5000 |
| • | Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief | 941-861-5495 |
| • | Sarasota County Fire Chief                 | 941-861-5300 |
| • | Sarasota County Sheriff (Headquarters)     | 941-861-5800 |
| • | Sarasota County Sheriff's Non-Emergency    | 941-316-1199 |
| • | Sarasota Public Utilities                  | 941-861-6790 |
| • | Sarasota Memorial Hospital-Sarasota Campus | 941-917-9000 |
|   | Venice Campus                              | 941-261-9000 |
| • | Senior Friendship Center                   | 941-955-2122 |
| • | Trash: Waste Management                    | 941-861-5000 |
|   |  |              |