



HURRICANE TALKING POINTS

- I. Hurricane Watch versus Warning
 - A. A Hurricane Watch means that hurricane conditions (winds greater than 74 mph) are possible within 36 hours. A Hurricane Warning means that hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours.
- II. Hurricane Preparedness Tips
 - A. How many people have an emergency supplies kit? An evacuation plan? A family communications plan? Do you know where you will go if you have to evacuate? Do you have pets?
- III. Disaster Supply Kit
 - a. Important documents such as insurance policies, passports, deeds, critical computer files, bank account records, credit card info, important phone numbers
 - b. Food and water for FIVE days
 - c. Photographs of home for insurance purposes
 - d. Medicines, copies of prescriptions, insurance cards
 - e. Clothing
 - f. Radio, flashlight, can opener, toiletries, bedding, extra keys, cash
- IV. Encourage Evacuation of Tenants
 - a. Encourage tenants to leave during Voluntary Evacuation
 - b. Require that all outdoor items be stored away (planters, chairs)
 - c. Fill pool to capacity, dump chlorine, cut pumps and cover tightly
- V. Prepare your home
 - a. Identify important items, put important papers in safe place, keep as little outside as possible
 - b. Purchase plywood for windows or install hurricane shutters
- VI. Create Communication Plan
 - a. Have an out of town friend or family members phone number
 - b. Keep cell phones charged, have an extra battery, post emergency numbers by phone
 - c. Always let someone know your intentions and whereabouts
- VII. Evacuation
 - a. Evacuate early!
 - b. Know where you are going before hurricane season
 - c. Keep gas tank full
 - d. POV
 1. Team up with friends/family, and let them know how much space is available
 2. Learn the recommended evacuation routes
 - e. CAT transportation
 1. buses will be crowded and hot so recommend teaming up with someone with a POV
- VIII. Shelters
 - a. Seek shelter with family or friends!
 - b. No pets allowed in shelters
 - c. Know hotels' phone numbers outside of county
- IX. Pets
 - a. Arrange now with your vet on where you will take your pet if you have to go to a shelter
 - b. Contact hotels and motels to see if accept pets
 - c. Prepare list of boarding facilities
 - d. Assemble portable pet disaster supply kit (medications, medical records, first aid kit, harnesses, carriers, photo of pet, food, water, immunization record, beds, toys)