



Hurricane Season 2025- Be Prepared!

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Dear GV Resident:

Hurricane season is here once again and it will last through November 30th. The information contained in this newsletter will help you prepare for a storm or severe weather emergency and understand how the staff will prepare the community. Please take a moment to read this information and take diligent action to prepare your unit. Staff will be busy preparing the property in the event of a storm and will not have the manpower available to “help” individual units. ***It is prudent to act now, especially if you are out of town.***

We ask residents to plan accordingly, and if it is not possible for you to be here, to have someone to accomplish the following for you:

1. **Clear balconies and hallways**-Remove all furniture and outdoor items. If you do not clear the balconies and the common elements become damaged, you will be considered “negligent” and your unit will be responsible for the cost of any damages.
2. **Insurance Coverage- Review your insurance policies to ensure you are fully covered.** Many owners were panicking last year as Hurricane Idalia approached, as they did not have their unit insured. Attached you will find a breakdown of owner vs. Association responsibility for insurance. If you currently have insurance, inventory and photograph your condo and valuables. Store photos and documents in a waterproof container
3. **Special Needs residents-** should pre-register with the Pinellas County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program at 727-464-3800.
4. **Elevate vehicles in garages-** as flood waters are always a possibility.
5. **Electric vehicles- Electric vehicles are NEVER allowed in garages during a tropical storm or hurricane.** Do not contemplate placing an electric vehicle in a garage to shield it from a storm; the batteries can catch fire and cause damage or complete disaster to the building.

Residents are urged to develop a disaster preparedness plan before an emergency strikes. It would be helpful to have an emergency supply kit ready to include a flashlight, battery operated radio, water and food. A complete list is available at www.floridadisaster.org. We have also included a partial Emergency Supply List from Pinellas County with this package.

PETS:

If you evacuate your home, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS OR ANIMALS BEHIND.** It is unlikely for pets or larger animals to survive on their own. If by some chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return. Prepare now and protect your family and pets before the storm approaches.

Emergency Pet Supply Kit

Whether you are away from home for a day or a week, you will need essential supplies to care for your pet. Keep items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily (duffle bags, covered trash containers, etc.). Your pet disaster supply kit should include:

- Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container) and a first aid kit.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals cannot escape.
- Photo of you and your pet(s) – in the event you are separated from your pet, having an updated photo with your pet will help validate pet ownership.
- Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.

Once a Hurricane Watch is issued, Moderne Association Management personnel will begin to secure all pertinent areas on the property such as the pool, compactor area, carwash area, etc. As soon as the property is secure, staff will leave so that they may personally prepare for the storm and secure their homes.

When an Evacuation Order is issued, everyone must evacuate the community. An evacuation area on the water (that floods during heavy rain) is not the place to be during a hurricane. Have a transportation plan and location to stay during the evacuation and remember that pets cannot accompany you to most shelters. The handicapped and elderly are encouraged to leave in advance of an official evacuation order.

Please help keep the Association clean in the absence of employees:

- **Bag and tie trash!** Once the compactor is full do NOT place trash on the ground as it will attract rats, racoons and insects. There will be no staff here to clean up after anyone, so it is imperative that all residents cooperate to keep the area clean.
- If you smell gas, call Clearwater Gas immediately @ 727-562-4900!

Included in the following pages is some important information from Pinellas County's Hurricane Guide.

➤ **For a complete Pinellas Hurricane Guide:**

- **file:///C:/Users/Manager/Downloads/2025-Hurricane-Guide_English.pdf**
- **www.pinellascounty.org/emergency**

The safety and security of our residents and staff is our highest priority. Please assist us by doing your part to secure your property and cooperate with emergency orders when they are announced. We thank you for your cooperation in this serious matter!

Sincerely,

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Moderne Association Management