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## **Bonita Beach Club Unit Owners Hurricane Prep Document -**

Please read this and keep a copy for future reference.

For the welfare of your home and family, we trust that you will make the necessary plans and take every precaution.

### **Hurricane season begins June 1st and extends through November 30th.**

The storm season's most intensive months are August and September.

Remember storm surge kills, Category 1 hurricanes can bring a surge of 8-10 feet. Even tropical storms can bring a surge of 1-4 feet along with sand and debris. Both can cause flooding and power outages.

**Listen to Lee County Emergency Management and evacuate when the order is given.**

**Notify office staff if you are not evacuating.** If you are unable to use the stairs, you need to evacuate. Once the storm has begun, emergency services will not respond.

**It is important that you prepare, and attend to the following BEFORE a storm:**

### **If you are gone for the summer/fall season:**

1. **Empty your lanai and balconies.** Make sure that all patio furniture, pots, wall decor, etc. are properly stored inside your unit. You will be charged for BBC staff to perform this service if items were left outside.
2. **Shut the water valve OFF for your unit and water heater circuit breaker.** You are required to do so even vacating your unit for 3 days or more.
3. **Empty refrigerators and freezers of perishable items** that could spoil, permeating the unit or ruining the appliance if power is lost.
4. **Secure storm shutters and leave the crank on the lanai.** Electric shutters will not work if power is cutoff. Your crank is then critical. It is a good idea to have maintenance of your shutters annually and test them.
5. **Wedge weather stripping, noodles, and/or towels in sliding door and window tracks** to limit wind driven moisture.

6. **Cover your toilets and toilet tanks with plastic wrap** to help reduce humidity and prevent your toilet bowl from evaporating.
7. **Unplug or turn off breakers for computers, TVs, and other appliances** to prevent possible damage from unstable voltage.
8. **Remove valuables or other items that you might need access to** in case your unit is inaccessible after a storm.
9. **Leave extra water and other emergency equipment in your unit** if you intend to return right after a storm.
10. **Lock all doors and windows.**
11. **Make sure the office has a copy of your unit's keys and the access code** if you have a keypad.
12. **You are required to remove your vehicle from the BBC property once a storm/hurricane evacuation notice is made.** It's your responsibility to have a plan to move your vehicle.
13. **Make sure the office has a key for seasonally parked vehicles.** It may be necessary to move them in the event of emergencies and construction.

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## Recommendations BEFORE the Hurricane 'Season':

1. **Take a household inventory;** pictures and/or videos of your unit interior before a storm and store them off-site or electronically in the cloud.
2. **Safeguard your records;** Make copies of important papers, such as insurance documents and receipts. Store them electronically and/or off-site.
3. **Review your insurance coverage with your agent.** Many require a 30-day advance period for a new or modified policy to be effective.
4. **Plan for those with special needs** and register with Lee County. The County aids with "Special needs" individuals but requires that those individuals make a "reservation" in advance. Now is the time to make those arrangements. For the

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## STORM & HURRICANE SEASON

The Office has a list of tropical storm / hurricane actions once a named storm is headed our way.

- Please do not ask staff for favors. Time is of the essence and they need to secure association equipment and common areas.
- Elevators will be halted and powered down, securing the car on the top floor (no exceptions).

Here are things YOU need to know and act on!

**Stay informed** and listen to news media for current conditions as the storm's forecast track and intensity can change.

**Have an evacuation plan** should there be a mandatory order given. Leave early!

### Tropical Storm or Hurricane Notices:

1. **Prepare your vehicle.** Gas stations may not be operable if there is no electricity. Gas lines will also be longer as the storm nears. **EV vehicles can not be stored under the building; they can explode if exposed to salt water.**
2. **Withdraw cash from the bank in advance** of the storm; ATM machines may not operate without electricity.
3. **Charge your electronics:** cell phones, computers, extra battery packs.
4. BBC is in **EVACUATION ZONE A** (red zone) – Lee County or City of Bonita Springs. Leave early!
5. If or when Lee County or City of Bonita Springs officially orders a Hurricane Evacuation for our BBC area, **you are required to remove your vehicle from the BBC property.** Please contact the office if you have any questions or need help with this action. **Note:** it is not advisable to wait till the last minute for taking this action.

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**6. Listen to Lee County Emergency Management and evacuate when the order is given.** Consider going to a public shelter outside the evacuation zone area if needed. If you are unable to use the stairs, you need to evacuate early. Elevators may not be in an operable mode even prior to the storm.

**7. If you decide to Shelter in Place - Notify office staff.** Once the storm has begun, emergency services will not respond until after the storm has passed. Strongly consider the possibility of no power during and after the hurricane; you will be on your own.  
**Supply List** if staying during a storm/hurricane:

- a. Safety Equipment – battery operated radio, flashlight, EXTRA batteries, first aid kit, whistle, light sticks
- b. Medical – 2wk supply of prescribed medications, cooler with ice if needed for meds (pharmacies may be closed)
- c. Food – drinking water (7 gallons per person), 3-4 days of non-perishable food, manual can opener
- d. Sanitary – fill bathtub to provide water supply for flushing the toilet, If the toilet is compromised, consider having/making a portable option.

**8. Close and firmly lock all doors and windows.** Place towels or noodles at the bottom inside of doors or slider tracks to limit water intrusion.

**9. Turn the refrigerator to the coldest setting** and only open when necessary.

**10. Seek refuge in an interior room** due to high winds.

**11. Designate one family member as your "out of State contact,"** and notify your family of this to reduce excessive calling, save your battery use, and reduce repeating your status unnecessarily, especially if there is a problem with the phone lines or electricity.

## AFTER THE STORM/HURRICANE PASSES:

1. Call 911 for life-threatening situations.
2. Assess if it is safe to leave your unit. Remember you do not (should not) have a vehicle at BBC if an evacuation notice was given.
3. Avoid using tap water for cooking or drinking until you have been advised it is safe.
4. If there is no power, clean out the refrigerator and freezer. Turn this breaker OFF.
5. Do not wade in flood water, which can contain dangerous pathogens that cause illnesses. This water also can contain debris, chemicals, waste, and wildlife. Underground or downed power lines also can electrically charge the water.
6. Document any property damage with photographs. Contact your insurance company.
7. Use diluted bleach for sterilization of areas to clean before leaving your unit and dispose of all garbage. *You will be thankful you did.*
8. Pay attention to local officials for information and special instructions.

# Important Telephone Numbers and Websites

- ▶ General Emergency.....911
- ▶ Lee County Emergency Management.....239-533-3622  
Website: [www.leeec.com](http://www.leeec.com)
- ▶ State of Florida Emergency Management.....1-800-342-3557  
Website: <http://floridadisaster.org>
- ▶ Florida Disaster Legal Services.....1-866-550-2929
- ▶ Florida Dept. of Elder Affairs ..... 1-800-963-5337
- ▶ National Flood Insurance Program ..... 1-888-379-9531
- ▶ American Red Cross .....239 278-3401 or 1-866-438-4636  
Website: [www.gulfcoastredcross.org](http://www.gulfcoastredcross.org)
- ▶ FEMA... Website: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)..... 1-800-621-3362
- ▶ Florida Power & Light... Website: [www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com) ..... 1-800-468-8243
- ▶ Lee County Sheriff – Non-Emergency.....239-477-1000
- ▶ Bonita Springs Fire Control – Non-Emergency.....239-949-6200
- ▶ Bonita Springs Utilities (water).....239-992-0711
- ▶ National Hurricane Center... Website: [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)
- ▶ NBC 2 News Hurricane Coverage... Website: [www.nbc-2.com](http://www.nbc-2.com)
- ▶ Preparedness for People w/Disabilities... <https://www.ready.gov/disability>  
Another resource list: <https://www.disabilityresources.org/disaster.html>  
Lee County ADA Coordinator.....239-533-2111
- ▶ Domestic Animal Services .....239-530-7387
- ▶ Senior Helpline .....711 or 239-332-3049
- ▶ Consumer Assistance Hotline.....1-800-227-8676
- ▶ Insurance Commissioner .....239-461-4000
- ▶ Health Dept.....239-774-8200
- ▶ Local FL Hospitals
  - NCH North.... 239-624-5000 @11190 Health Park Blvd, Naples
  - Landmark Hospital... 239-529-1800 @1285 Creekside Blvd, Naples
  - Lee Health Coconut Point Emergency... 239-468-0000 @23450 Via Coconut Pt, Estero
  - Healthpark Med Center... 239-343-5000 @9981S Healthpark Dr, Fort Myers