

# PREPARING YOUR CONDO



When a hurricane approaches our coast, condominium owners need to be ready to weather the storm. Some condo-specific tips include:

## RESIDENTS

- ▶ Know your evacuation zone! Even if you live on an upper floor, you may be completely cut off from rescue if the grounds flood. NEVER evacuate up!
- ▶ Get shutters or panels to cover your glass doors and windows. Be sure to check with your condo association to see if they require a specific style.
- ▶ Bring all balcony furniture, potted plants and other items indoors so they won't be blown around by the strong winds.
- ▶ Know where your exit stairwells are located. They will be necessary if your building loses power and elevators are unavailable.

## MANAGEMENT

- ▶ Name floor captains to check on residents with special needs before and after the hurricane.
- ▶ If the building is not in an evacuation zone, find a safe place for residents to take shelter. An interior hallway or other windowless room is usually safest.
- ▶ Set up a system to keep track of residents who leave the building, so everyone can be accounted for.



**SURVIVING THE STORM**



IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

To check your evacuation zone, call the Interactive Voice Response Line at (727) 453-3150. During an emergency activation only, call the Citizens Information Center at (727) 464-4333.

For more information please contact the Pinellas County Emergency Management office (727) 464-3800, FAX (727) 464-4024, TDD (727) 464-4431.

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