

GETTING READY

For Weather Emergencies



Your community management wants you to be safe in the case of weather emergencies. For this reason, we have put together this handy list of things for you to do to get ready for any storms. It includes things you need to do to ready your apartment home and your family, as well as tips on what you need to do whether you decide to stay or evacuate if a storm approaches.

Please contact the management office if you have any questions.



Ready Your Apartment

Do what you can to help protect your personal property from damage.

- Remove items from patios/balconies
- Place rolled towels along bottom of windows and exterior doors
- Close blinds (Do **NOT** tape windows)
- Fill bathtub with water for emergency use
- If on ground level, unplug and elevate any electronic devices that sit on the floor
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings
- Take an inventory and pictures of your apartment



Ready Your Family

Stock up on daily provisions and items that may be needed in an emergency.

- Bottled Water – 3 day supply (1 Gal/person/day)
- Non-perishable food – 3 day supply
- Manual can opener
- Prescription medications – 7 day supply
- Important documents stored in a waterproof container (ID, Birth Certificates, Passports, Renters Insurance Policy, pet vaccination records, etc.)
- Battery powered light sources (flashlights, led lamps)
- Backup batteries and/or car chargers (for lights & phones)
- Hygiene supplies and clothing
- Bedding and blankets
- Baby supplies (if applicable)
- Pet supplies (if applicable)
- Basic tool kit
- Cash (ATMs and payment systems will not work if power is lost)
- Gas (fill up vehicles; pumps will not work if power is lost)
- Fill and freeze empty bottles, containers and sealing bags (these can help keep refrigerator/freezer cold if power is lost and can act as a water source if needed)



Staying Home

If you stay, then please be safe during and after the storm.

- Lower temperature on A/C thermostat before the storm
- Keep windows and doors closed while the storm passes
- When it is safe to do so, check on neighbors
- Beware of outdoor hazards (power lines, downed trees, unsafe areas, etc.) after the storm

If you lose power follow these tips:

- **Do NOT** use Candles or kerosene lamps
- **Do NOT** use propane tanks inside
- **Do NOT** run generators inside
- If generators or propane tanks are used outside, areas must be well ventilated and please be courteous of neighbors' noise tolerance
- **Do** switch breakers off until power is restored
- **Do** turn air conditioner off until power is restored
- **Do** conserve refrigeration (open fridge/freezer doors as little as possible to keep food cold for as long as possible)

Leaving Your Apartment

If you evacuate, take the necessities with you and remember you may not be able to return for a week or more if there is damage to the area.

- Important documents
- Prescriptions
- Pets (**Do NOT** leave them in the apartment)
- Cash
- Bedding
- Food & water supply
- Change of clothes, sturdy shoes & hygiene items
- Emergency contact info written down (in case phone battery dies or you are unable to access the address book)



Residents must take responsibility for themselves and their personal property. If you remain in your home, in the event of an emergency, **call 911.**