

GULF TO BAY

Disaster Preparedness Planning Guide for Owners & Renters

Note: This document is strictly a guide with helpful information.
It is no way a complete document and it is your responsibility to use as you see fit.

I. **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY PLAN**

Prepare now for a sudden emergency. Knowing what to do in an emergency is your best protection and YOUR responsibility. Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones by planning. To obtain more information, contact your **Local Emergency Management Agency**.

You will need to compile the following information:

- Know which disasters are most likely for our area i.e., *Hurricanes, Floods, Fire, Tornados*
- Learn the evacuation routes from Manasota Key
- Inquire about special assistance for elderly or disabled persons
- Ask about animal care during and after an emergency

II. **CHECKLIST OF EMERGENCY PROCESURES**

The following may be used in creating your own *Emergency Response Plan*

- Know your escapes routes with your unit
- Install smoke detectors and check annually to ensure they are functioning. Have a working fire extinguisher
- Post emergency phone numbers near your phone or easy access
- Choose at least one family member or local friend to call if disaster strikes
- Keep family records in a water and fire proof container
- Locate your main fuse box, water service main to your mobile home
- Prepare a disaster supply kit

III. **IF DISASTER STRIKES**

- **“REMAIN CALM”**
- Check for injuries, give first aid and help to those in need
- Evacuate if advised to do so. Wear appropriate clothes and sturdy clothes
- Have flashlights available

Remember to:

- Remember to confine and secure pets
- Contact your family with your plans
- Check on neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons
 - ♦ Never assume others will know what to do in the event of a disaster. Emergencies tend to cause panic in the otherwise calm person
- Make sure you have an adequate supply of water in case service is Shut Off
- Stay away from downed Power Lines!

IV. **FIRE SAFETY**

Fire spreads quite quickly and the entire structure may rapidly become engulfed in flames.

- Install and ensure you have one or more working smoke detectors
- Know your escape routes and be sure they are cleared of debris and/or furniture
- Make sure your electrical system is in good working order. Have your electrical panel assessed to ensure breakers are up to code
- DO NOT overload extension cords
- Insure your Personal Property
- Store Personal Papers in a Fireproof Safe
- Make a itemized or video record of all your property

V. IN CASE OF FIRE

- Immediately assess the problem
- Know how to use your fire extinguisher use P.A.S.S. (**P**ull, **A**im, **S**pray & **S**weep)
- Get everyone out of the Mobile Home
- Without risk to any person, get pets out
- Call 911
 1. Give your name, phone number where you are calling from, park address: *Gulf To Bay, 2295 Beach Road, Manasota Key*. Give street name & Unit Number.
 2. Alert your neighbors near the fire to stand ready to wet down their unit.
 3. **NEVER GO BACK INTO A BURNING HOME!**
 4. Stay low if smoke is present – smoke rises.
 5. Never open a door that feels hot.
 6. Should your clothes catch fire **“cover your face and mouth, drop, and roll”**.

VI. FLOODS

Flood Watch: There is a possibility of flooding

Flood Warning: Flooding has begun and is imminent

Before a Flood

- Know your escape routes
- The National Weather Service continuously broadcasts updated weather conditions
- When rising water threatens, move swiftly if possible, to higher ground
- Disconnect all electrical appliances. Cover outlets with tape.

During a Flood

- Take all Flood Warnings seriously. **DO NOT WAIT!**
- If time permits, take important papers, photos, medicines, and eye glasses
- Use travel routes specified by the local officials
- Lock your doors and leave
- Call your Pre-determined Family/Contact Person

VII. TORNADOS

- Pay close attention to weather reports, know the difference between a “Watch” or “Warning”
- Plan where to go during severe weather (GTB Community Building, GTB Library or Bathhouse)
- When a tornado warning is issued, leave your mobile home immediately
- Take a transistor radio with batteries

VIII. HURRICANES

- Know your hurricane risks
- Make an Emergency Plan
- Know your **“Evacuation Zone”**
 1. Follow local Emergency Manager’s Instructions
- Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the **FEMA.APP**
- Sign Up for “Community Alerts”. Be aware of the **Emergency Alert System (EAS)** and **Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)** which requires NO sign up
- Identify if you need additional help during an emergency if you or someone you know has a disability
- Charge all cell phones and purchase back up charging devices to power electronics
- Gather supplies including medication, disinfectants, water, snacks, pet food and supplies

IX. DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

- 3-5 Gallons of water (one gallon/per person/per day)
- Ready to eat food (canned meats, fruit, canned vegetables, canned juices, soups, cookies, hard candy, instant coffee, tea bags)
- Matches
- Blankets or Sleeping Bags
- Flashlights/Batteries, hammer, pliers, pocketknife
- First Aid Kit
- Radio
- Toilet Paper – paper towels- deodorant
- Extra clothes
- Cash
- Non-electric can opener
- Portable toilet
- Insect repellent
- Tape
- Games, books, cards, etc.

X. EVACUATION PROCESS

If for any reason You and Your Family choose to evacuate your Unit and go off Manasota Key whether a mandatory evacuation order was issued, use the attached ribbon and attach the appropriate color to your front or side door.



Red Ribbon: An order to evacuate was issued and you chose to stay



Green Ribbon: An order to evacuate was issued and you chose to leave Manasota Key

The above directions will aid Post Storm Assessor know what they have encountered

STAYING INFORMED WITHOUT POWER

In the aftermath of a large storm event which results in widespread power outages, Charlotte County Libraries and Recreation Centers that are safe to access. All locations are based on accessibility and road conditions:

Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park
6961 San Casa Drive
Englewood, FL 34224

Tringali Park
3460 North Access Road
Englewood, FL 34224

Englewood Charlotte Public Library
3450 North Access Road
Englewood, FL 34224

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Public Fire – EMS 911

Charlotte County Sheriffs Office Englewood..... 941-474-3233
Charlotte County Health Department..... 941-624-7200
Charlotte County Public Works..... 941-575-3600
Charlotte County Animal Control..... 941-833-5690

Florida Power & Light..... 1-800-468-8243

American Red Cross..... 1-800-733-2767

Call Center – Official Information During Disasters

941-833-4000

Note: The information contained in this document was compiled from several websites:
Charlotte County Emergency & Management, Fema.gov & American Red Cross

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