

Guidelines for Hurricane Preparedness Procedures

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The following Hurricane Preparedness Procedures were prepared from information provided by the Coastal South Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross and by the Board of Governors of Pawleys Plantation Golf & Country Club:

Definitions

- Tropical Storm Watch—tropical storm conditions are possible in the specified area of the Watch, usually within 36 hours. (Tropical Storm conditions exist when there is an organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39-73 mph.)
- Tropical Storm Warning—tropical storm conditions are expected in the specified area of the Warning, usually within 24 hours.
- Hurricane Watch—hurricane conditions are possible in the specified area of the Watch, usually within 36 hours. During a Hurricane Watch, prepare to take immediate action to protect your family and property in case a Hurricane Warning is issued. (Hurricane conditions exist when there is an intense tropical weather system with a well-defined circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.)
- Hurricane Warning—hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the Warning, usually within 24 hours. Complete all storm preparations (below) and evacuate if directed by government officials.

General Hurricane Evacuation Preparation Procedures

- Before a storm:
 - o Plan an evacuation route. For Pawleys Plantation, the recommended route is to take US Hwy 17 South to Georgetown, and then take US Hwy 521 West to SC Hwy 261 North to US Hwy 378 West to Columbia. (Note that the bridges to Georgetown may be dangerous to cross with high wind speeds.)
 - o Tune to local television and radio stations for emergency information.

- o Learn the location of emergency shelters and be prepared to drive at least 20-50 miles inland to locate a safe place.
- o Have disaster supplies on hand, including flashlights, batteries, a portable battery-operated radio, a first aid kit and manual, emergency food and water, emergency telephone numbers, and cash and credit cards.
- o Make arrangements for pets, as they are not allowed in official emergency shelters. Consider staying with friends or family if you evacuate with pets.
- o Teach family members how to turn off electricity, water and gas.
- o Protect the exterior of your home and secure lawn furniture, garbage cans, boats, etc.
- o Develop an emergency communications plan in case family members are separated from one another.
- o Abide by emergency evacuation orders issued by the Governor.
- o Take with you important documents such as insurance policies, family records, essential medications, photo I.D., and important telephone numbers.
- During a storm:
 - o Tune to local television and radio stations for emergency information.
 - o Stay inside a well-constructed building, away from windows and doors.
 - o If the “eye” of a storm passes over your area, be aware that wind conditions will return with winds from the other direction in a very short time.
- After a storm:
 - o Wait until an area is declared safe before entering; do not drive in flooded areas.
 - o Check electrical, water and gas lines and appliances in your home for damage before using them.

- o Avoid using candles and other flames indoors; use a flashlight to inspect for damage.
- o Use the telephone to report life-threatening emergencies only.

Pawleys Plantation Procedures

- If a mandatory evacuation order is issued by the Governor, the Clubhouse and golf course will close.
- Club members can leave their golf clubs in the storage area or pick them up before the hurricane strikes land. (Please don't wait until the last minute.)
- After the storm has passed and the area has been cleared for re-entry, the Club staff will be working to open the Clubhouse and golf course as soon as possible.
- The Pawleys Plantation website will be updated on a frequent basis. Click on the Member News section at www.pawleysplantation.com. Information will also be posted in the Clubhouse and in the Locker Rooms.
 - o The purpose of the communications will be to provide members with post-hurricane information concerning activities scheduled at the Club.
 - o Scheduled openings will be available for dining and entertainment activities in the Sawgrass Dining Room, the Oak Grille, and the Palmetto Pub.
- The Pro Shop will be open to provide information concerning tee times, tournaments and the condition of the golf course (Phone (843) 237-6200).
- If needed, the Board of Governors will be available after the hurricane to assist the Club Staff in organizing and performing functions to expedite returning the Club to normal operations.

Additional Information

- National Hurricane Center www.nhc.noaa.gov
- National Weather Service www.weather.gov
- American Red Cross www.redcross.org
- FEMA www.fema.gov
- Animal Emergencies www.scav.org