



## *Sea Colony*

### Supplies You May Need During a Hurricane

It is **not recommended** that residents stay in their Sea Colony homes during a hurricane. If the emergency response authorities announce a mandatory evacuation, please comply. Whether you choose to stay or go please refer to the suggestions for a “Get-and-Go Bag” on the Sea Colony website. The items listed below may be useful if you choose to shelter-in-place (stay home). Remember to gather these items well ahead of time because some may not be available last minute. Do not go outside during the storm. If the hurricane forecast is rated at or higher than a category 3, expect to need much more than a 3-day supply of food, water, medicine, etc.

\_\_\_ Please let your family and neighbors know where you are and how to communicate with you. Texting may work when phone service is lost

\_\_\_ Refer to Sea Colony’s checklist on how to prepare your home (includes preparing your refrigerator)

\_\_\_ Bottled water one gallon per person per day; three-day minimum (Fill bathtub with water to use for cleaning, but not drinking)

\_\_\_ Food, three-day minimum of non-perishable and ready to eat (such as canned meats and vegetables, granola or protein bars, nuts, peanut butter, non-salted crackers, bread, cereal, non-perishable milk, canned juice, apples (last longer than many fruits), and a few treats like cookies. The electricity will most likely be off for days, possibly weeks. You may want to prepare an ice chest with fresh fruits, vegetables, or drinks. (A top loading washing machine can be used as a temporary ice chest.) Do not forget a manually (not electric) can opener.

\_\_\_ If you take medications, be sure to have an ample supply

\_\_\_ First aid kit and mosquito/bug repellent

\_\_\_ Flashlight, extra batteries, LED camp lanterns (no candles or potential fire items)

\_\_\_ Radio battery powered or hand cranked for NOAA updates and tone alerts

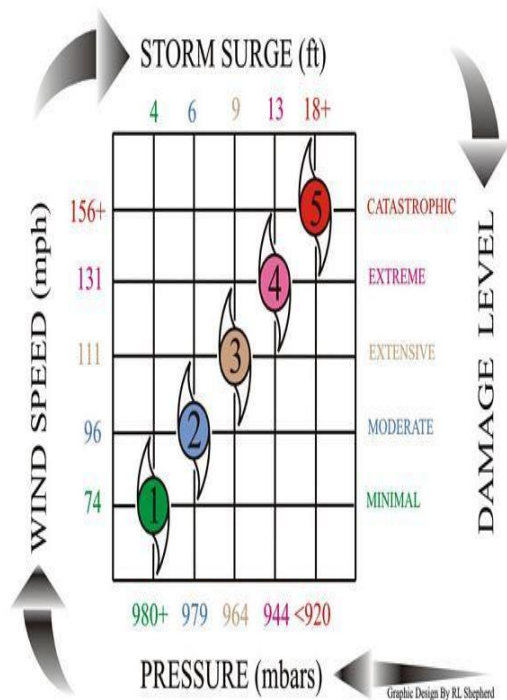
\_\_\_ Moist towelettes, garbage bags, paper towels, and other hygiene items

\_\_\_ Tools to turn off utilities (water, electricity, etc.)

\_\_\_ Plastic sheeting, duct tape, hammer, nails, etc. in case of damage to your home

- \_\_\_ A loud whistle to signal for help
- \_\_\_ Fire extinguisher
- \_\_\_ Pet food and medicines if needed
- \_\_\_ Charge your cell phone (can also do with car charger when electric is off in home)
- \_\_\_ Secure import family documents, insurance papers, wills, etc. in a portable waterproof container
- \_\_\_ Books, games, cards, etc. it can be boring with no electricity for several days
- \_\_\_ If you have a propane grill or a generator have a supply of fuel. Do not use either inside your home
- \_\_\_ Fill cars with gas (may be a shortage after the hurricane) and supplies needed if you are forced to evacuate
- \_\_\_ Have your Get-and-Go Bag ready to go in case of an emergency
- \_\_\_ Emergency funds (cash or travelers checks in case stores cannot use credit cards)
- \_\_\_ If you have a 2 story home you may want to move things upstairs in case of flooding. In a 3 story home, stay on the second floor. Wind in a hurricane becomes stronger as you rise in height. A windowless room is safer than one with windows.

## SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE



### Top 5 Safety Tips When Using Portable Generators

1. Always read, follow and maintain generator according to manufacturer's operating instructions.
2. Allow hot engine to cool at least 2 minutes before removing gas cap and refueling to avoid fires.
3. Allow at least 5 feet of clearance around running generator to avoid injury or property damage.
4. Only use generators outdoors, away from open windows and doors to avoid deadly fumes.
5. Always use a battery-powered carbon monoxide detector in your home.

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