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MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT

Dear Bonavida Homeowners:

We are officially in hurricane season and would like to take this opportunity to address a few very important points. Living in beautiful South Florida also means living with the threat of hurricanes. Unfortunately, few people take hurricane preparation seriously until weather forecasters predict a storm is about to hit our coastline. The best way to protect your life and property is to plan ahead.

Affinity Management Services is committed to the safety and well-being of all of our residents, their properties, and our valued employees. Therefore, this letter is being emailed to you with the purpose of providing you with information that will help save valuable time in making decisions and preparations as we approach the height of the Hurricane Season and in the repair process afterward.

Below are some basic instructions to prepare for any hurricane event. And here are the website links to the latest Hurricane guides which include a list of grocery stores, gas stations with generators, and hurricane shelters to further assist you in your planning: www.miamidade.gov/hurricane

Immediately upon announcement of a **Hurricane Watch**, all residents must bring all personal items inside. As soon as a **Hurricane Warning** is announced, all Affinity employees will be instructed to return to their own homes to take care of their family and their property.

Preparation and awareness are key elements in getting through a storm season safely. We urge you to please take the time to go over all of the information provided. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your property manager.

BE PREPARED FOR THE HURRICANE SEASON

When a storm threatens, it is each resident's responsibility to fully prepare their home by taking these measures:

- Remove all items from your balcony or patio including furniture, plants, satellite dishes and decorative wall fixtures. If you are a seasonal resident, we strongly recommend you remove all your exterior items prior to leaving South Florida for the season OR designate a responsible person to remove these items in your absence.

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- Securely latch your hurricane shutter. (Shutters must be removed/opened no later than 10 days after a hurricane passes unless there is another threat in the forecast.)
- Turn off your water at the master valve.
- Close and firmly lock sliding glass doors and windows. Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent lifting.
- Place towels at the inside bottom of all doors and windowsills in order to help prevent water intrusion.
- The property is **not** a designated hurricane shelter. Many basic services may be limited or unavailable. Staffing **will** be withdrawn for safety during the storm. Depending on the severity of the storm's strike, it may be several days before operations to return to normal. Carefully consider the following when making plans:
- Be aware that basic services like electricity, telephone, police, and fire rescue may not be available.
- Elevators will be brought to the highest floor and shut down to avoid damage.
- In order to avoid any damages to the pool equipment, maintenance will turn off all pool equipment and lower the water levels. This will help avoid the pumps from clogging with debris and burning out.
- Pool chairs, tables and umbrellas will be brought inside to avoid items from flying off and being damaged.
- Common area air conditioners could possibly be turned off to avoid any damages to the equipment.

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to prepare a family emergency plan that will help you respond to any emergency situation. Most hurricane evacuation centers shown on the list provided **DO NOT** accept pets. For the few that do, a pre-registration form must be filled out and submitted to verify eligibility.

AFTER THE STORM PASSES

Once the local police, fire and governing authorities permit entry to the premises the management staff will return to the property. The staff will replace furniture and prepare a

detailed list of damages to common areas and the actions needed to prepare the property to reopen. Many gas stations and grocery stores have identified themselves as having backup power capability. However, it is important to keep in mind that factors other than a lack of electricity may keep businesses from opening post-disaster, including structural damage, supply shortages and/or lack of manpower.

INSURANCE

You should review that your insurance coverage is current with costs AND adequate for your furnishings and other personal belongings. If you do not have insurance, we strongly encourage you to obtain an individual Homeowners or Renters insurance policy. Hurricane deductibles apply when there is wind damage to a property as a result of a hurricane that is named by the National Hurricane Center and comes with a hurricane warning. Homeowners will be responsible for the association's deductible and such deductible can range between 3% - 5% of the property value as well as responsibility for co-insurance payments.

We urge you take the time to go over all the information provided.

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Tis the Season Warm Weather Tune-Up Tips

Your bags are packed, your maps are unfolded, and the kids all have their snacks. You and your family are ready for your road trip, but is your car? As the weather gets warmer, there are some things you should do to ensure that every trip, short or long, is a safe one.

Do a check of all of your exterior lights and windshield wipers. Look over your tires to make sure that the tread is not worn down. Don't forget to check your spare also. This is a great time to get out your jack, make sure it is in working order, and review how to use it.

Under the hood, check the belts, battery, and all fluid levels. It is a good idea to get a fresh oil and filter change before and after a road trip. Fill up the washer fluid reservoirs and wash all the windows.

Inside your vehicle, do a safety check of all of your seat belts. Check any car seats that are in your car, making sure that they have been installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. Keep a safety kit in your vehicle. This should include first aid supplies, a wrench, screwdriver, flashlight, safety flares, extra water, and some rags.



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