

BRICKELL ON THE RIVER

HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION TIME

As you may know, hurricane season is a very serious matter here in South Florida, but by taking some basic precautions, one can drastically reduce the risk to yourself, your family and your property. Last year was a record-breaking hurricane season with 30 named storms, and this year is expected to be above average as well.

THE SEASON BEGAN JUNE 1 AND CONTINUES THROUGH THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, so now is the time to review your storm plan to ensure that you are prepared in the event of an storm. The Management office has a Hurricane Procedures and Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for your convenience.

Remember, it's important to make preparations before a major storm strikes. There will be no basic services during or immediately after a hurricane (i.e., police, medical, or fire). All building staff and residents must evacuate in the event of an evacuation order. Thus, if you elect to remain in your home, you will be on your own. **You should make arrangements to go to a safe place during the storm, choose several places – a friend's home in another town, a hotel, or a shelter.** After you have made plans, please advise management office in writing where you will be and how you may be reached.

PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT 311

The association has limited ability to protect against initial damages. All residents must remove potentially dangerous loose articles from balconies and patios. You must secure your own windows and doors. With limited staff (who also need to protect their respective families and homes), time does not permit the association to make preparations for residents, and most efforts will be concentrated on common areas.

Any time traveling away from your home, you should remove everything from your balcony and designate a firm or an individual to be responsible for the care of your unit in the event of a hurricane. Please advise the management office in writing of any emergency contacts.

If you have any questions please call (305) 358-5380. **Thank you for your prompt attention to this serious matter and stay safe this storm season.**