

As we enter the new hurricane season, this is a good time to review some pertinent hurricane preparation items:

1. Storm Shutters: Steel storm shutters were provided by the builder for all lower unit condos (upper units have high impact glass and do not require shutters).

Installation of storm shutters on lower units is **mandatory** when a hurricane warning is in effect unless the owner has purchased and installed Association approved impact glass. Hurricane shutters on the first floor units may only be installed seven (7) days in advance of a warned hurricane and must be removed no later than seven (7) days after the "all clear" notification.

**Please note:** It is **the owner responsibility** to mount or see that storm shutters are mounted on their unit. The Association had all screws inspected and/or replaced after the last hurricane in 2017 so all screws should be in place and easily accessible for the installation of the shutters. We do not recommend completely removing the screws until mounting of the shutters as they can be lost. Once a screw is loosened, it should be snug but not tight in the housing. There are a number of handymen in the area that can be hired in advance to mount shutters. **For tenants:** You may reference this email message and the Rules Manual for following up on owner responsibilities for installing shutters.

1. All loose yard ornamentals and flower pots should be removed and placed in garages to prevent those becoming projectiles if high winds are expected.
2. Residents should also consider moving lanai furniture and other objects inside until the storm passes.
3. During a storm, it is likely that power may be lost for several days and residents should plan accordingly with an adequate supply of water and food.

Please refer to the following articles for more information and evacuation routes in Bradenton:

- [https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public\\_safety/emergency\\_management/emergency\\_management\\_news/hurricane\\_preparedness](https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety/emergency_management/emergency_management_news/hurricane_preparedness)
- Hurricane Preparedness - Manatee County [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org)

The most feared weather phenomenon through Florida during the summer and early fall is the tropical cyclone. Close to the tropics and surrounded on three sides by warm water, the unique location of Florida makes it particularly vulnerable to these systems as they develop and move generally westward across the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, and the relatively flat terrain can ...

- Evacuation Information (currently level "C")
- [https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public\\_safety/emergency\\_management/evacuation\\_levels](https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/public_safety/emergency_management/evacuation_levels)
- The State also has a detailed "Disaster Planning Guide" which can be accessed online at: <https://www.tampabayprepares.org>

These are all excellent guides for all residents and owners in Cypress Strand.

Be safe and be prepared!

The Cypress Strand Board

