

# Playa del Mar

## 2012 Hurricane Policy

### HURRICANE PREPARATION GUIDELINES PLAYA DEL MAR RESIDENTS

**HURRICANE SEASON** begins June 1 and ends November 30. The coast of South Florida can be threatened anytime during this season. The following is intended to give residents a more concise picture of what to expect should a hurricane threaten our area. Make sure the management office has a key to your apartment – otherwise in an emergency, forced entry may be necessary. Emergency contract information should be on file with the office.

**HURRICANE WATCH** (a hurricane may threaten the area within 24-36 hours) a notification will be posted and emailed to owners.

**1. Owners are responsible for their individual units:**

- Closing all shutters: the Association **will not** assume responsibility for closing shutters, except where it pertains to common areas
- Removing all items from the balcony
- Residents who have departed for the season must remove furniture and all items from their balcony – or arrange for a neighbor to do so
- Residents who leave for more than 5 days during hurricane season must remove furniture and all items from the balcony, and close shutters

**PLEASE NOTE: Balcony items become projectiles under hurricane wind conditions**

**2. Security Staff:** When sustained winds reach 35mph, all security, maintenance and cleaning staff will be leaving the premises, except for those that volunteer to stay. The volunteer staffing will begin by manning the front desk.

**3. PDM Maintenance Staff:** Employees of PDM will be responsible to secure areas that are Common Areas such as the pool, pool and patio furniture, building shutters ( **NOT APARTMENT SHUTTERS**), roof-top equipment; in general, anything that pertains to the building common areas.

**MANDATORY EVACUATION NOTICE** issued by the Broward County Mayor. Our building is in an evacuation zone, therefore, in all probability, we will experience some flooding and a mandatory evacuation. You should plan ahead to go further inland or

completely out of the hurricane strike zone. There are hurricane shelters throughout Broward County. Individuals with a handicap or medically unable to go to a shelter should check into a hospital.

- Building services will be shut down – this includes water and air conditioning in the common areas
- Elevators will not be in service
- Water supply will be shut off in apartments (no water or air conditioning)
- Garage doors will be left in the open position
- Turn off the main breaker box and water supply to your apartment

**PLEASE NOTE: Residents, who do not leave the building, stay at their own risk! Neither the police nor fire department will be able to provide assistance in cases of an emergency.**

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HURRICANE:**

- Employees **will not** return to work until the wind speed is below 35 mph and travel is possible
- Florida Power and Light will not turn power back on immediately; it can be hours or days before electricity is restored
- The emergency generator will operate only one elevator for police and fire emergencies and emergency lighting (hallway and stairwell lighting)
- Garbage pick-up service will also be interrupted and our garbage compactor will be out of service until FPL restores the electric (**DO NOT THROW GARBAGE OR HUMAN WASTE DOWN THE TRASH SHUTES**)
- Residents may be required to show proof of residency to get back onto the Barrier Island – a Florida driver's license and current FPL bill can be used to prove residency.

**HURRICANE INFORMATION:** There are many sources for information about hurricanes and preparedness. Visit [www.broward.org/hurricane](http://www.broward.org/hurricane) for information on preparedness and shelters. Without electricity, transistor radios and cell phones may be the only source of communications (remember you have to recharge you cell phone so have a car recharger available).

**FINAL NOTE:** The Board, Management and Employees will do everything in their power to ensure the safety of residents and the building; however, circumstances will dictate what is possible without endangering the lives of these individuals. Full services will be restored as soon as they can be safely initiated. Your full cooperation is requested during these emergency and dangerous times.