



STORM PREPARATION TIPS

Below are some preparations you should make, and some tips and emergency information in the event we have a major storm. Most importantly: if you hear a big storm is approaching, that is the time to gather your emergency supplies, **NOT** the day it is supposed to hit!!!

1. **LOSS OF POWER** - The most likely result of a major storm is a loss of electrical power. We do have emergency generators but they will not restore power to the individual apartments. They will run the water pumps, garage and stairwell lighting and one elevator in each building. The elevator that will normally be running is the "freight elevator." That is the one in the front lobby of each building that is normally padded. We do have the capability of switching power to different elevators so if there is a problem with one we will post notices as to which one is running.

2. **SURVIVAL KIT** - All units should have the following items ready (well before the storm is scheduled to hit):

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| *Flashlights | *Medications |
| *Extra Batteries | *First Aid Kit |
| *Portable Radio | *Masking Tape |
| *Candles | *Containers to Store Water |
| *Matches | *5-Day Supply of Non-Perishable Food |

3. **AUTOMOBILES** - Be sure your automobile gas tank is at least 3/4 full. If we have an extended power outage or service stations are damaged you may not be able to get gasoline for awhile.

4. **STORE WATER** - Store it in pans, jars, coolers, your bathtub or any other available containers. In the event of a power loss we could lose all water pressure. Although our emergency generators will run the water pumps, if the city pumping stations lose power there will not be any water at the street to pump.

5. **TOILETS** - As long as you have water available you will still be able to use and flush your toilet by pouring water into the toilet. **REMEMBER**, it is easier to pour the water into the toilet bowl instead of the toilet tank (back of the toilet), and it will have the same result (emptying your toilet bowl).

6. **ICE** - The time to make extra ice is before the storm hits and knocks out electricity so make as much as you can store in you freezer.

CONSUMABLE LIQUIDS - Be sure that you have an adequate supply of drinking water or canned fruit drinks on hand.

8. **PHONES** - In the past during power outages the old style phones have continued to work. The new digital phones require electricity for the base stations. If you have an emergency you can call Security at 395-7422. However, we do ask that you not call for general information so we can keep the line open for emergency use.

9. **HANDICAPPED PERSONS** - If you are disabled or ill and will need assistance moving around you should be registered with Security. If you are not, please call the Management Office and tell us who and where you are, the nature of your handicap and what special assistance you may require.

10. **LIGHTING** - Have your candles and flashlights ready and be sure you have extra batteries! If using candles, have the kind that come in jars or place your candles inside of a glass. **DO NOT USE CAMPING LANTERNS!** The fuel is too dangerous for use inside the buildings.

11. **FOOD** - Have an adequate supply of canned food or fruits available that will not require cooking. Also have a non-electric can opener to open your food.

12. **DURING THE STORM** - Stay in your apartment! Close your windows and drapes, and stay away from the windows. Taping your windows does prevent flying glass but so does closing your drapes. Use your own judgement about taping windows but remember it is very hard to remove especially if left on for an extended period.

13. **COOKING** - Do not try to cook in your apartment during a power outage. The use of camp stoves, propane stoves or other heating equipment is very dangerous. If we have sustained a power outage but gas service is intact we can use the ten barbecue areas and we will make these available for your use. Be sure to check with Security on the status of these areas.

14. **PETS** - If you have pets you will need to make arrangements for their needs as well. Keep their carrier in the apartment with you. Also have their food, litter, medications, etc., together in one place.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR APARTMENT DURING A BLACKOUT without checking to see that all electric appliances are turned off and that all water faucets are shut off. The power may come back on while you are gone.