



2021 HURRICANE SEASON PLAN FOR NORTH PANTHER TRACE

As in past years, the Board of Directors have established the following plans for our community should we have a direct hit with a hurricane this year. Our major focus is for our residents to be safe and prepared and to insure you that we have taken steps to help in recovery after a storm.

1. Once there is a **named storm** threatening our area, there is to be NO pruning of any kind. This will not be permitted until the threat has passed our area. If you decide to do MAJOR pruning during this time, it will be the owner's responsibility to have the lawn debris removed immediately at his/her expense. We will be very strict about this because as most of you are aware, piles of branches left at the curb during a storm will become projectiles that could damage your home as well as your neighbor's home. Debris left at the curb can also block our storm drains and cause the area to flood. We will walk through the neighborhood a day or two before the storm and if you have a pile of lawn debris, you will be asked to remove it immediately.
2. The Board of Directors is asking for help in getting volunteers together to make sure that the storm drains remain free of debris during the hurricane season and especially prior to a direct threat in our area. The Board purchased rebar poles several years ago which will help us identify the exact location of our storm drains after the storm. If you are interested in volunteering please contact: Bob Shonce, 734-787-9841
3. Should we have a direct hit we will make arrangements to clear the major debris ASAP. The HOA has emergency funds for these situations.
 - a. Straighten trees obstructing the road.
 - b. Straighten/remove trees that have compromised homes. Owners will be responsible to pay for trees on their property that are not obstructing roads.
 - c. Residents will be responsible for bringing any debris to the curb for pick up. We have an agreement with the City of Port St. Lucie to remove debris within two weeks of a storm. A deadline for bringing your debris to your curb will be posted on the bulletin board within 24 hours of the storm passing through.
4. Should we take a direct hit; **NO unnecessary pruning will be allowed.** Please do not use this time to decide to trim your hedges or trees.
5. Prior to the storm, the Board will make sure that our gates are opened in case of a power failure to insure emergency access in and out of our community.
6. 24 hours prior to a storm, the Board will post at least two cell phone numbers and house numbers that you should contact after the storm passes if you need assistance.
7. The following items should be secured or taken inside prior to a storm:
 - a. Boats by the lake should be safely tied down or brought into your garage.
 - b. Basketball hoops should lay flat on the ground or brought inside.

- c. Lawn furniture, lawn ornaments, landscaping items. swings or anything else outside that could become a projectile during a storm should be taken inside until the storm passes.
- d. **According to our by-laws, shutters should be taken down within 48 hours after the storm has passed.** We realize that you may not feel that this is a priority, however, leaving your shutters up becomes a hazard in case of fire and if there is an emergency, it makes it much harder for emergency personnel to make entrance to your home.

Before and after a storm, Board members will be inspecting the neighborhood to make sure these guidelines are followed. If you need help, ask!

We strongly urge our residents to plan prior to the onset of hurricane season. Please go to: <https://www.cityofpsl.com/government/departments/emergency-management>, there are several links posted in preparing for a hurricane such as Evacuation routes, Family Disaster Plans, Supply Kits, and the City of Port St. Lucie Hurricane Preparedness Guide.

We also ask our residents to check up on their neighbors before, during and after the storm. We have several residents who may need help in putting up their shutters or taking them down.

Hopefully our community will dodge any major storms this year. However, rest assured the NPT HOA Board has a Plan of Action to ensure our recovery as soon as possible, regardless of the damage.

We appreciate all of us working together during these situations when they do occur.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

FPL-1-800-468-8243 to report a downed power line

Port St. Lucie Police- 772-871-5000

St. Lucie County Sheriff- 772-461-7300

St. Lucie Public Works-772-871-5177