

My Hurricane Checklist for Myrtle Beach Golf & Yacht Club Assn.

A lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. Knowing your vulnerabilities and what actions you should take can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster and speed up your recovery. Here is a checklist of elements to be considered when preparing your emergency plan and dealing with a storm. The Myrtle Beach Golf & Yacht Club community is located in **Evacuation Zone C**, which applies to Category 4 and 5 hurricanes.

- County advice “**Know Your Zone**” at:
<http://www.horrycounty.org/Portals/0/Docs/EMD/KYZ/2015/index.html#p=1>
- State advice “**South Carolina Hurricane Guide**” at:
<http://www.scemd.org/component/content/article/26-guides-and-brochures/142-south-carolina-hurricane-guide>
- Federal advice for seniors, pet owners, adaptive, how to build an emergency kit at:
<http://www.ready.gov/publications>
- HOA documents “**My Hurricane Checklist**” and “**My Hurricane Plan**” at our HOA website:
<http://www.mbgandyc.com>
- Pet Friendly Hotels: <http://www.officialpethotels.com/>
- **PLANNING:** Your plan should be based on a 3 to 7-day period of living independently without power, water, phone, sewer and with limited communications. During and immediately after a storm, police, fire, medical services and security services may be severely curtailed. Expect inconveniences.
- Learn about the NOAA weather warning system and the county evacuation plan for the area.
- Make a list of medical supplies, medications, including RX numbers, names, addresses and phone numbers of doctors, clinics, hospitals and pharmacies.
- Maintain a list of other emergency phone numbers, websites, general contacts, insurance company numbers, pet-friendly hotels and veterinary phone numbers.
- Plan where you are going to evacuate to and test-drive the route before each hurricane season.
- Prepare a checklist of tasks to be performed when securing your home.
- Prepare a checklist of items to keep on hand in case you decide to ride out the storm in your home.
- Prepare a checklist of things you will need to take with you should you decide to evacuate.
- Have recent photos of the inside and outside of your home, drawer contents, personal belongings, pets and people. Organize your important files, policies and papers.
- **BEFORE A STORM:** Inventory and restock your food supply, first aid, bottled water, prescriptions, medical supplies, spare batteries, pet supplies and ice in a cooler. Gas up your vehicles long before the issuance of any Mandatory Evacuation Order that causes traffic jams.
- Keep updated on the storm’s progress via NOAA weather radio, TV and the internet.
- Install any door and window protection. Secure yard objects that could become projectiles, including garbage cans, flower pots, bird feeders/baths, barbeque grills and lawn chairs.

- Refill and test your generator. Shut-off your propane supply at the tank valve.
- Gather, pack and stage suitcases with the items on your evacuation checklist.
- Close your window blinds and/or drapes, barricade your windows and doors.
- Notify friends and family whether you plan to stay or evacuate and tell them your route.
- **DURING A STORM:** Switch power off to major appliances and A/C system.
- Move to an interior wind-safe room or hallway, away from windows and exterior doors.
- Monitor the progress of the storm on radio and TV. Keep a battery-operated radio handy.
- **AFTER A STORM:** Take care of yourself first, then, if you feel you can do so safely, help your friends and neighbors.
- Do not operate charcoal grills, camp stoves or generators indoors.
- Know the signs of physical and emotional injury. Be prepared to deal with shock, injury and loss.
- Stay home – period. Do not drive. Trees will be down and unforeseen problems you are not prepared for could arise. Do not go out at night when it is more difficult to spot hazards.
- Take photos of the damage, but do not walk around until it is safe to do so. If there are roof shingles on the ground, there could also be roofing nails on the ground.
- Do not confront looters – report them to the authorities.
- Keep clear of moving and rising waters.
- Know how to boil and purify your tap water. Drink bottled water before drinking tap water.
- Wash your hands often – use a sanitizer.
- Secure cracks in roof, walls, doors, windows and foundations to mitigate any further damage to your property.
- Have your A/C system checked for damage before turning on after a storm.
- If you use propane, have your lines checked for damage before turning back on.
- Use professional contractors only. Many fly-by-night contractors will appear after a storm.
- A public insurance adjuster can help you prepare a complex insurance claim or call your insurance agent direct. Get help and storm insurance information here: <http://www.uphelp.org>

Re-entry after an evacuation is accomplished in 3 stages. If you evacuate, it will be OK to re-enter our area when you hear **Level III Access** is permitted. **Re-entry Info. (866) 246-0133.**