

SHELL POINT

HURRICANE

2016

PREPARATION GUIDE



# 2016

## STORM NAMES

ALEX  
BONNIE  
COLIN  
DANIELLE  
EARL  
FIONA  
GASTON  
HERMINE  
IAN  
JULIA  
KARL  
LISA  
MATTHEW  
NICOLE  
OTTO  
PAULA  
RICHARD  
SHARY  
TOBIAS  
VIRGINIE  
WALTER

## Hurricane Season: June 1 through November 30

*With the unpredictable nature of hurricanes, Floridians need to be prepared! Fortunately, if a hurricane threatens our community, Shell Point residents have the benefit of onsite safety in the hurricane shelters located on our campus. While the hope is that these shelters will not be needed, it is still vital to be prepared.*

## Activating the Hurricane Plan

A detailed Shell Point hurricane plan applies for staff as a guideline in the event of a weather-related emergency. The particular circumstances of the storm and the time available to perform certain tasks may dictate changes in the sequencing of the plan, or even which tasks are completed.

The plan is set in motion by the Shell Point Hurricane Management Team as soon as a tropical storm becomes named. The first step is to actively track the storm. The team may activate the detailed and organized evacuation plan approximately 36 to 48 hours prior to landfall, based on the following criteria:

- An assessment of the distance, relative to Shell Point, that tropical-force winds extend out from the storm's center, the overall size and strength of the approaching storm, and the potential tidal surge.
- Recommendations to evacuate are considered by Shell Point management after consulting with Lee County Emergency Management and the Shell Point consulting meteorologist.

Accurate and up-to-date storm tracking is critical, and the Shell Point Hurricane Management Team will rely on various sources and means of communication to inform residents and employees of all decisions and plans.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**When a hurricane threatens, up-to-date information is available on the Shell Point Resident Information Hotline at (239) 339-2541 (or toll-free at 1-866-551-6013).**

The Arbor Assisted Living Facility at The Woodlands



## New Hurricane Shelter Locations

If an evacuation is ordered, beginning in the 2016 season, residents in all healthcare facilities (The Larsen Pavilion, King's Crown, and The Springs) will now shelter along with the residents who live at The Arbor assisted living facility, which will offer better accommodations in this modern healthcare facility.

Independent living residents will continue to shelter at the main Shell Point garage located on The Island as they have in the past.

## Resident Responsibilities – Monitoring Information

While the staff at Shell Point is committed to maintaining its core values of caring, serving, and satisfying residents in the event of an evacuation, residents must also take part in ensuring their own safety by preparing well in advance.

It is the residents' responsibility to stay abreast of information provided by Shell Point. The president, or his designee, will direct specific communication of storm updates to the Resident Council via in-person meetings, phone calls, and/or e-mail updates.

Employee parking garage on The Island



The Shell Point Hurricane Management Team will maintain up-to-date information on the Resident Information Hotline at **(239) 339-2541 (toll-free 1-866-551-6013)**, on Shell Point TV – Channel 11, the resident website at [www.shellpoint.net](http://www.shellpoint.net), and through any other expedient means of communication. Please consult these intra-community forms of communication first, as they are the quickest way to release important information to the entire resident population.

Expect the normal routines of the Shell Point staff to be interrupted as they prepare for an impending storm. Once we begin preparing for a storm, please direct your questions to the court representatives or their designees.



Offering Assistance – Volunteer!

This is the time of year when residents start asking if we need volunteers during hurricane season. The answer is simple – ask your court rep how you can lend a helping hand.

Help before the storm includes duties such as assisting people in your court to prepare their hurricane supplies. Help during the storm involves providing assistance in the shelter, sharing reading materials and games, and offering general assistance as needed. Some volunteers may also be needed to help clear the shelter after a storm.

Comfortable Seating

Each resident should have a comfortable folding chair or a cot to use in the hurricane shelter, as long as it is no more than 27 inches wide, and is lightweight and portable. In the event of an evacuation, chairs and cots will likely be brought to the shelter in advance. Attach proper identification, such as name and court, to the chair to help staff with set-up and so you can locate the chair quickly when you reach the shelter.

Personal Medical Needs

Plan to bring medications and oxygen supplies with you during evacuation. Considering that the



infrastructure in the region could be damaged, it is recommended you obtain no less than a two-week supply of all medications.

Portable oxygen tanks should be used during transportation to and from the shelter, and for time spent settling in at the shelter. Following set up, emergency generators will be able to accommodate oxygen concentrators.

The generator should also be able to accommodate residents who use CPAP machines. Emergency supplies of oxygen will be available in the event of a power or equipment failure.

Personal Automobiles

During evacuation, all residents are asked to leave their vehicles and golf carts in their designated parking spaces. It is a good practice, however, to fill your gas tank in the days leading up to a possible evacuation. Unplug all golf cart charging systems before you leave for your designated shelter.

Transportation will be provided to and from the shelters. Do not go to the shelter on your own; use the Shell Point transportation provided for you.

The Shell Point hurricane plan indicates that resident hurricane kits are to be transported to the shelters in advance of an actual evacuation, if time and circumstances allow. Therefore, the kits must not include any perishable food, beverages, medications, or valuables. (Simple, non-perishable meals and minimum daily water supply will be provided by Shell Point for those staying in the shelters.)

HURRICANE SHELTER KIT

BASIC EMERGENCY ITEMS



KITS SHOULD BE ASSEMBLED IN A SMALL, ZIPPERED TOTE BAG LABELED WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. CONSIDER PACKING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR KIT:





## Planning For Your Pet

Shell Point pet owners have several options for caring for their pet during an evacuation. The first option is to arrange for off-site kenneling with a reputable facility that is equipped to offer boarding services throughout the duration of a hurricane. The second option is to consider whether you have local friends or family members who may be willing to care for your pet during the storm. This would entail developing a plan to transport your pet well in advance of declining weather conditions.

The final option is to shelter your pet in the Shell Point designated pet shelter on campus. This space is separate from the space designated for residents, and would be available only to registered Shell Point pets.

Pet owners will not be able to spend time with their pets during an evacuation. While some assistance may be available, you may be required to transport your pet to the shelter, so please plan accordingly. Detailed instructions will be provided in advance of a potential evacuation.

All pets in the Shell Point shelter must be housed in a sturdy pet carrier, sufficiently sized to allow the pet enough room to stand and turn around comfortably. The carrier must be labeled with your contact information, including your resident address, and should have a photograph of the pet taped to the outside, including details of any particular characteristics of the pet, such as temperament, required medications, dietary needs, etc.

Your pet should also be wearing a name tag and, if possible, have an identification chip previously installed under its skin. Also provide the following:

- Plastic or unbreakable food dish
- Water bowl or water “licker” dispenser
- Pet food labeled with your name and your pet’s name
- Leash and collar for walking dogs
- Litter for cats properly filled and sized for the carrier
- Up-to-date rabies inoculation certificate for review by shelter management
- Necessary medications

## Stock Up

It’s important to stock your home with needed essentials prior to hurricane season. Be sure to have drinking water, non-perishable food, and a two-week supply of prescription medications. With the possibility of an extended power outage, it’s also recommended to have a battery-powered emergency alert radio, a flashlight (not candles or flammable fuel lamps), and spare batteries for your flashlight and mobile phone.

Residents requiring oxygen are encouraged to maintain a minimum three-day supply of oxygen in their apartments throughout the hurricane season in anticipation of possible weather-related shortages that may occur.

## Plan for Success

Remember, proper planning is essential for a safe evacuation. As a general rule, all items intended for use in the shelter must be labeled with your name and court to expedite an organized set up of the shelter. It will also ensure that all items are returned to their proper owners.

After the storm passes and everyone is cleared to leave the shelter, you should take all medications, oxygen supplies, keys, flashlights, and your purse or wallet with you when you leave the shelter. Please contact your court representative with any questions.

## Annual Resident Hurricane Seminar

Each year before hurricane season starts, Shell Point schedules a Resident Hurricane Seminar, with important information shared about this year’s sheltering plan by the hurricane coordinator, Shell Point management, and our consulting meteorologist.

*If you did not attend or would like to review this information, please access the presentation online at [www.shellpoint.net/hurricane.php](http://www.shellpoint.net/hurricane.php), or request a DVD copy at the main resident library on The Island.*

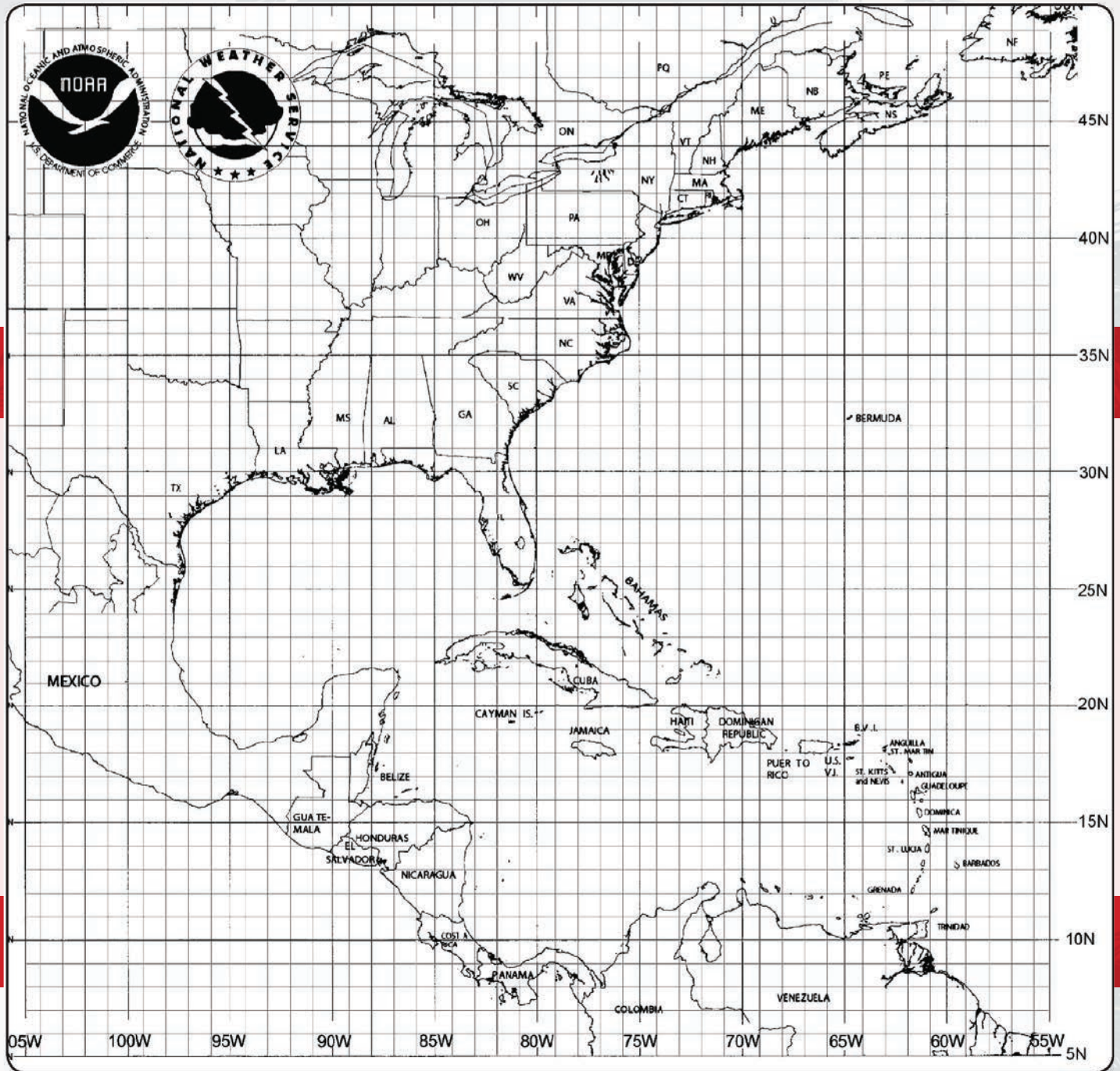
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Category 1 • 74-95 mph | Category 2 • 96-110 mph | Category 3 • 111-129 mph | Category 4 • 130-156 mph | Category 5 • over 157 mph

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