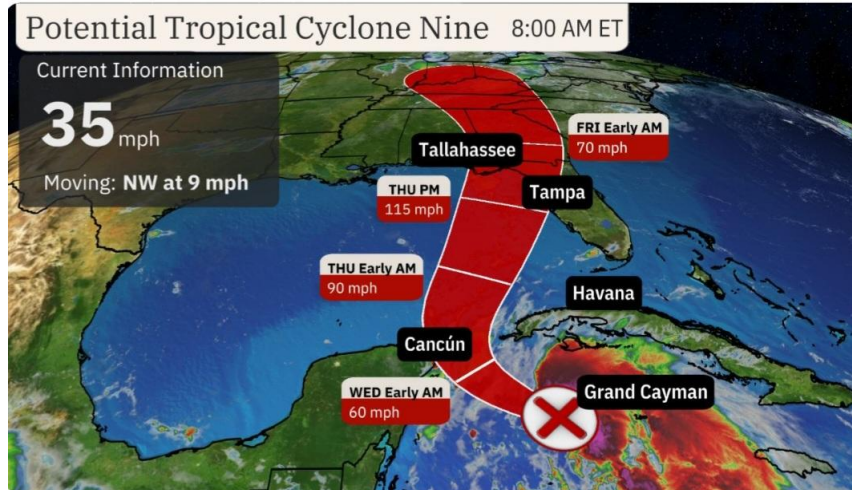


Hurricane Season: Be Prepared



Currently, a storm in the Atlantic is expected to move into the Gulf of Mexico and strengthen into a hurricane before potentially making landfall in Florida. While it is still too early to predict its exact path and impact, the HOA is closely monitoring the situation and will keep residents informed of any significant developments that may affect our area and community.

Below are a few reminders and steps to ensure everyone is prepared for any potential storms that may come our way.

1. Stay Informed

Keeping up-to-date with the latest severe weather alerts is key. Consider signing up for email and text notifications from services like weatherusa.net and/or purchasing a weather radio to receive immediate alerts right in your home.

The following terms are used by weather forecasters:

HURRICANE WATCH - A hurricane may strike our area within 48 hours.

HURRICANE WARNING - A hurricane may strike within 36 hours.

Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale: a 1 to 5 categorization based on the hurricane's intensity at the indicated time.

CATEGORY	WINDS (MPH)	DAMAGE
1	74-95	SOME
2	96-110	EXTENSIVE
3	111-129	DEVASTATING
4	130-156	CATASTROPHIC
5	157+	CATASTROPHIC

[Click here for the National Hurricane Center](#)

2. Create an Emergency Plan

It's essential to have a plan in place. Here's how you can prepare:

- **Put together a plan:** Discuss these 4 questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.
 - How will you receive emergency alerts?
 - What is your shelter plan?
 - What is your evacuation route?
 - How will you communicate with each other?
- **Consider specific needs in your household:**
 - As you plan and purchase supplies, tailor everything to your specific daily living needs. Some things to consider include communication with family and friends, the care of children, business needs, pets, and the operation of durable medical equipment.

3. Assemble an Emergency Kit

Florida's Division of Emergency Management provides an official Disaster Supply Kit Checklist. Take a moment to review the list and ensure you're prepared in case of a storm.

[Click here for the Disaster Supply Kit Checklist](#)

4. Get an Insurance Checkup

Review your insurance policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Standard policies may cover wind damage but not flood damage. Check your deductible and consider additional coverage if needed.

5. Prepare your Home; Before the Storm

Roof: Inspect and repair any loose shingles or tiles.

Utilities: Know how to turn off water, gas, and electricity.

Pool: Know how to drain your pool, if needed.

Outdoor Furniture: Move patio furniture, grills, and other loose items that can become projectiles in high winds into areas that are sheltered.

Landscaping: Trim shrubs and trees to minimize the risk to your property and your neighbor's property.

Vehicles: Park vehicles in a garage or next to a building to reduce the risk of damage.

Generators: If you have a whole home or backup generator, make sure they are functioning properly and you have sufficient fuel to keep them running.

Stay safe, prepared, and informed. Together, we can weather any storm that comes our way.

Warm regards,
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