

## **Arbor Trace**

### **Storm Management**

The Board of Directors is responsible for planning, preparation, and management of all activities required to protect and restore the assets of Arbor Trace in the event of a severe storm. Strong storms, such as tropical storms and hurricanes, have struck Vero Beach in the past and can occur again in the future. Storm Management details the preparations required in securing Arbor Trace in advance of storms and the post storm work required in returning to normal operation.

Every resident is responsible for securing their property and ensuring that objects that can become airborne or moved, thus becoming a hazard to themselves and to their neighbors, are stored or secured. Every resident is also responsible for clearing any debris after a storm.

Based on experience gained from past storms, there are numerous activities that should be undertaken to secure common areas assets to minimize damage to private properties and to minimize common areas' asset damage and loss.

#### **Pre-storm Precautions and Preparation**

When a hurricane warning is announced, preparations should begin to secure private property and common ground assets. This section defines the responsibilities to secure private property, details the work activities to secure common ground assets, and lists the individuals who have volunteered to assist the Board.

#### **Securing Private Property**

It is strongly recommended that every resident secure their home by installing approved hurricane shutters on all glass windows and doors. Even though Arbor Trace homes were constructed using glass that met wind standards at the time of construction, most glass will break if hit by a flying object propelled at hurricane force winds.

Any object that could become airborne must be stored or secured in such a manner that they cannot become airborne or move to adjacent properties. Objects that could become airborne or moved include, but are not limited to:

- Lawn ornaments
- Basketball hoops
- Playground equipment
- Storage lockers
- Patio Furniture
- Grills
- Bird houses and feeders
- Garden hoses and hose reels
- Potted plants

## **Securing Private Property Cont'd**

Equipment that cannot be stored should be secured to the ground or other structure such as the house. As a general rule, if there is any doubt if an object could cause damage during a storm, the object should be stored or secured.

### **Securing Common Area Assets**

#### **Entrance Gates**

All Gates should be opened and electrical power removed

#### **Video Surveillance System**

The surveillance camera system will be powered.

#### **Stop Signs and Lake Signs**

Stop signs are mounted on metal posts. The area surface of these signs provides significant wind resistance, which in turn, can cause damage to the post and signs. To protect these assets, the signs will be removed when a hurricane warning is issued. The efficient removal of all signs will require the help of residents. Residents who have volunteered to remove, store, and re-install signs are list in another tab.

Once the stop signs have been removed, drivers must observe the “all way stop” rule at intersections.

#### **The No Swimming**

The No Swimming signs at both lakes should be removed.

#### **Flag Poles and Flags**

Flag poles at the two entrances will be lowered and the flags removed and stored.

## **Post Storm Management**

After the storm has passed, the process of restoring Arbor Trace must begin. As soon as it is safe to go outdoors, the following must be completed in the priority order listed.

1. Remove any debris that is blocking the entrances to Arbor Trace and blocking any roads within Arbor Trace. It is imperative to have the roads passable in the event of a medical or other emergency.

2. Remove storm debris from the street storm drains. There is a greater chance of getting water damage from flooded streets than from the retention ponds. Residents who have volunteered to clear drains are list in another tab.

3. Replace all Stop signs. Stop signs should be replaced first beginning with the 6<sup>th</sup> Place SW and 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW intersection and the 6<sup>th</sup> Place SW and 45<sup>th</sup> Court SW intersections. These are the two four way intersections in Arbor Trace. Residents who have volunteered to re-install signs are list in another tab.

4. Replace entrance column lanterns if removed.

5. After the County or FEMA have removed all debris, the gates should be returned to normal operation.

### **Clean-up of Private Property**

Each resident is responsible for cleaning-up any storm related debris. Trees and tree limbs that can be shredded should be placed at the curb and on the sidewalk, not in the street. During post storm management clean-up, the obstruction of sidewalks policy will be waived. It is preferable to block the sidewalks than to block the streets.

Tree debris should be separated from other forms of debris. Tree debris is collected by the County or FEMA contractors, delivered to a collection point, and shredded for mulch.

Other debris should be placed at the curb for Treasure Coast Refuse collection. If storage room permits, trash should be stored in garages until the day of collection.

### **Clean-up of Common Grounds**

A designated member of the Board will be responsible for contacting the landscape contractor to schedule and begin clean-up of common grounds.

The sewer pumping station should also be monitored for odors. If power is not returned to normal or an emergency power is not provided by the County Water and Sewer division, sewage can back up and cause flooding in homes. If power is not restored at the end of three days, an effort should be made to contact the County and request emergency power for the pumping station.

The phone number for the County sewer department is: 226-3401.