

NEIGHBORHOOD DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Purpose

The Neighborhood Homeowner Disaster Preparedness Plan for Versailles III POA is a step-by-step plan for this neighborhood developed as a prudent measure, and to follow in the event of a community disaster. The Plan details the necessary supplies each homeowner should have on hand, provides a timeline for tasks to be carried out in the hours/days before a disaster strikes, describes the roles and responsibilities of neighbors volunteering (completed Appendix A of this Plan) to implement the Plan and describes activities to be conducted after a disaster.

This Plan is to be reviewed annually by the Versailles III POA Incident Management Team (IMT) and updates drafted, if necessary, and the review and necessary updates presented to the POA Board of Directors, and the Plan revised as approved by the Board.

Why Have a Plan

- What would you do if you awoke one morning looked out your front window and your neighbor's roof flew off, or your roof was being torn off?
- If you are in need for help... Who would help you?
- Look into how you can help out your neighbor(s) who would have a challenge getting around during a disaster.
- Have you made arrangements for extra food and drugs and pet foods.
- What should you be worried about if electricity goes out? Think hard about this!
- Keep in mind if electric goes out, so goes the Gas Station, Food and Drug stores. Often communications get interrupted (cell phones, house phones, text-messaging all go away)
- Where would one go to find away to get a hold of relatives or friends who might worry about you during a disaster? (Start at Security Patrol)
- If you have a generator ... how much gasoline would it take to keep your household essentials running for the disaster period?
- If you have a outdoor grill, do you have an extra propane tank(s) (might want to grill that hamburger or steaks melting down in your freezers)

Personal Preparedness

In the event of a community disaster, emergency workers may not be able to immediately respond to residents' needs. Each homeowner should prepare for a disaster by assembling a Personal Preparedness Disaster Kit containing the following supplies to last up to five (5) days:

- Water – one gallon drinking water per person per day; household sinks, tubs, and water heater can be used in addition to containers
- Batteries – for flashlights, cameras, radios, portable televisions
- Fuel – for cars and generators
- Cash – as ATMs, banks, and stores may not accept credit cards/checks

- Medications/prescriptions drugs
- Non – Perishable foods; non-electric can opener
- First Aid kit
- Tools such as hammer, nails, crowbars
- Coolers for ice and food
- Emergency and family/neighbor phone numbers
- Toiletries
- Trash bags
- Camera
- Chairs, pillows, blankets
- Maps of evacuation routes/local shelters
- Identify animals and mark such animals for identification purposes
- Food and supplies for pets
- Shuttering system for windows/garage doors
- Charcoal/propane for grills
- Spray paint
- Necessary important personal papers/identification
- Ribbons for lamp post; GREEN for okay, YELLOW for no occupant, and RED for need assistance

Pre-Event Planning

The neighborhood is divided into three (3) zones of sixteen (16) residences each. Each zone has a Block Coordinator who will act as the liaison to the Neighborhood Incident Coordinator. The Neighborhood Incident and Block Coordinators will ensure residents have access to the Disaster Preparedness Plan, and that communication between the blocks and emergency personnel is conducted. The Blocks' organizational chart is located in Appendix B of this Plan.

In the event of a disaster (Hurricane/Wildfire/etc) the Neighborhood Incident Coordinator will contact the Block Coordinators to conduct a meeting to update on latest available information. The Block Coordinators will then contact homeowners in their respective zones for alert/preparedness actions. Additionally, Block Coordinators will notify the Neighborhood Incident Coordinator of homeowner availability, animals and equipment availability.

Neighborhood residents:

- Ensure property is secure.
- Ensure that outside loose objects are brought inside or otherwise secured.
- Secure food/water/supplies
- Notify Block Coordinator if staying or evacuating
- Notify Block Coordinator of emergency equipment available.
- Ensure they are personally prepared.

Block Coordinators will:

- Keep record of homeowners' availability
- Keep record of equipment available
- Gain volunteers to assist those needing assistance to secure residence.

Neighborhood Incident Coordinator will:

- Keep in constant viewing of local radio/TV for weather updates and communicate to Block Coordinators.
- Ensure Block Coordinators have tasked homeowners to have enacted Disaster Preparation Plan, and Kits are ready.

Pre-Event Planning Timeline

72 hours prior:

- Monitor storm/hazard movement .
- Review personal preparedness as set forth above.

48 hours prior:

- Begin securing your home.
- Gather last minute supplies.
- Consider options to evacuate.
- Activate personal preparedness plan.

36 hours prior:

- Secure outside objects and vehicles.
- Ensure you have food, fuel, and cash.

24 hours prior:

- If you have not evacuated, secure a room in your home to use as a safe room.

During the Event

All residents will ensure they and their families are safe, and secure during the onset of the disaster. Hillsborough County Emergency Personnel will not respond until winds are less than 45 miles per hour. However, if there is an emergency (fire/injury), call 911.

After the Event

Neighborhood residents:

- Contact Block Coordinator for instructions.
- Find water at the mailbox locations, and at the Grand Chateau Way circle.
- Spray paint address on street, if not otherwise visible.

- Care for sick and injured; notify your Block Coordinator.
- Place GREEN ribbon around lamp post to signal “ok” - no assistance needed
- Place RED ribbon around lamp post to signal “assistance needed”
- Assess and document property for damage

Block Coordinators/Deputies will:

- Attempt to contact homeowners in their respective blocks to determine status.
- Attempt damage assessment of block (Appendix C of this Plan).
- Ensure appropriate ribbons attached to lamp post.
- Contact Neighborhood Incident Coordinator with resident/damage information; complete Appendix C to this Plan for each residence
- Assist residents in getting information/supplies

Neighborhood Incident Coordinator/Deputy will:

- Keep record of injured – call 9-1-1
- Keep record of damages

Coordinators (communications/safety/security/sanitation/transportation/animal) will:

- Focus their “team” efforts as required when notified by the Incident Commander/Deputy of need.

Neighborhood Points of Contact

- Generators (Security Coordinator)
- Water (Sanitation Coordinator)
- First Aid personnel (Safety Coordinator)
- Vehicle availability (Transportation Coordinator)
- Facilities for animals (Animal Coordinator)
- Phone/Internet (Communications Coordinator)

Neighborhood Incident Management Team & Blocks’ Organization (Appendix B of this Plan)

Sun City Center Service/Utility Phone Numbers

South Bay Hospital:

Water/Sewer:

Electric:

Trash/Garbage:

Brighthouse:

Verizon:

American Red Cross:

Salvation Army: