

If you are in a condominium complex, you may want to find out what emergency measures have been planned. Some complexes have stand by generators to assist after a storm.

We, at Realty Unlimited, Inc. will contact you after the storm has safely passed and the roads are open and our phone service has been restored (as soon as it is possible) to assist in determining any damages.

If you have any questions about securing the property or need help in making a decision about whether to stay or go to a shelter, please call the DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT (772) 461-5201.

### Types Of Hurricanes

**Tropical Storm** - Winds 39-73 mph

#### **Category 1 Hurricane**

winds 74-95 mph (64-82 kt)  
No real damage to buildings.  
Damage to unanchored mobile homes. Some damage to poorly constructed signs. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage. Examples: Irene 1999 and Allison 1995

#### **Category 2 Hurricane**

winds 96-110 mph (83-95 kt)  
Some damage to building roofs,

Doors and windows. Considerable damage to mobile homes. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings. Some trees blown down. Examples: Bonnie 1998, Georges (FL & LA) 1998 and Gloria 1985

#### **Category 3 Hurricane**

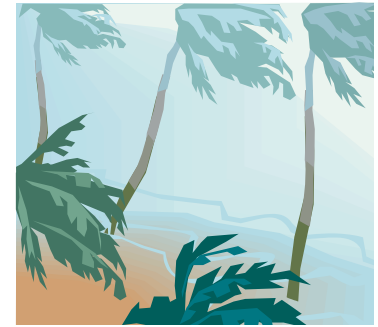
winds 111-130 mph (96-113 kt)  
Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings. Large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly built signs destroyed. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures with larger structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain may be flooded well inland. Examples: Keith 2000, Fran 1996, Opal 1995, Alicia 1983 and Betsy 1965

#### **Category 4 Hurricane**

winds 131-155 mph (114-135 kt)  
More extensive curtain wall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland. Examples: Hugo 1989 and Donna 1960

#### **Category 5 Hurricane**

winds 156 mph and up (135+ kt)  
Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required. Examples: Andrew (FL) 1992, Camille 1969 and Labor Day 1935.



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

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The possibility of a hurricane hitting part of the Treasure Coast is very real during this time of year. In the event of a hurricane watch/warning, we urge you to take precautions for yourself and for the property that you currently lease. By taking care of the property you insure that you will have a safe and dry place to live after any storms have passed. We recommend that you do the following preparations:

If we have received a HURRICANE WATCH you should stay tuned to local news and weather for continued updates. If we have received a HURRICANE WARNING (that is a hurricane is expected within the next 24 hours):

- If shutters have been supplied with the property, it is time to secure them in place
- Move all furniture away from the windows, cover it or move it to rooms that are least likely to receive damage

- Bring in all outdoor patio plants, pots, chairs, tables, furniture, pool equipment and other items which may become missiles in a strong wind
- If you are in a beachfront area, because of storm surge, you need to determine if you should vacate and proceed to the nearest shelter. Please notify our office after the storm has passed so that we know where to locate you or if re-location is in order we may be able to help. You need only leave a message on our voice mail, along with your phone number or location
- If you live on the top floor of a condominium building, perhaps you will need to vacate because of possible roof matters
- If you have a bathtub, fill it with water. This water may be all you have for a while to bathe with or use to flush toilets if the power is off for few days
- If you decide to ride out the storm at home, be sure

to have plenty of drinking water, a portable radio, flashlights, batteries (for the radio and flashlight), a full tank of gas in your car, personal or legal papers stored in plastic bags, first aid supplies and plenty of pre-cooked/packaged food (don't forget a manual can opener!) Other helpful items that we have found useful are rolls of plastic, large plastic bags, cellular phones (make sure they are completely charged), tire repair kits, bug spray and sun block for after the storm. Camping equipment is helpful as well as coolers full of ice. If electricity is out for a while you may want to have extra cash on hand.