

# *VIVIENDA WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION*

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## **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND REFERENCE INFORMATION – 2024**

To: All VWCA Unit Owners  
From: VWCA Board of Directors  
Date: August 3, 2024

The VWCA Board of Directors has gathered the following information to assist you in preparing for a hurricane or tropical storm this season. Please don't wait...prepare in ADVANCE! Make sure you have recommended supplies on hand.

If you are away from your Venice home during any storm event, please ensure that your home is secure and check in with the local person who takes care of your unit during your absence. Be sure that your hurricane shutters are in place if you have them, and that there are no items left outside that could become a missile in heavy winds, hurting someone or damaging property, i.e. outdoor furniture, garbage cans, recycling cans, bird baths, large planters, decorations, etc. Move all items from your lanai inside. If you are in Venice during the event, we suggest that you prepare your home and yard as recommended above. If you have renters or guests occupying your home/unit at this time please pass this information on to them.

NOTE: In a power outage, the garage doors will not open unless you or another unit owner are able to open them manually. An option would be to leave your vehicle outside of the garage, but then you run the risk of damage to your vehicle. Something to think about.

### **HURRICANE WATCH VS. HURRICANE WARNING DEFINITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hurricane Watch:** An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. Hurricane Watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.

**Hurricane Warning:** An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area. The Hurricane Warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds

During emergency events, the Sarasota Herald Tribune offers free access to their on-line subscription with storm updates: <http://www.heraldtribune.com>

### **HELPFUL REFERENCES & GUIDES**

[Alert Sarasota County](#) Sign up for emergency notifications by registering for Sarasota County's mass notification system for rapid emergency updates. This service sends alerts via phone, text and/or email, depending on user preference.

[2024 Hurricane Guide for Venice](#)

[National Hurricane Center \(noaa.gov\)](#)

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is a 1 to 5 rating based only on a hurricane's maximum sustained wind speed. **This scale does not take into account other potentially deadly hazards such as storm surge, rainfall flooding, and tornadoes.**

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale estimates potential property damage. While all hurricanes produce life-threatening winds, hurricanes rated Category 3 and higher are known as major hurricanes\*. Major hurricanes can cause devastating to catastrophic wind damage and significant loss of life simply due to the strength of their winds. Hurricanes of all categories can produce deadly storm surge, rain-induced floods, and tornadoes. These hazards require people to take protective action, including evacuating from areas vulnerable to storm surge.

\*In the western North Pacific, the term "super typhoon" is used for tropical cyclones with sustained winds exceeding 150 mph.

Category	Sustained Winds	Types of Damage Due to Hurricane Winds
1	74-95 mph 64-82 kt 119-153 km/h	<b>Very dangerous winds will produce some damage:</b> Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled. Extensive damage to power lines and poles likely will result in power outages that could last a few to several days.
2	96-110 mph 83-95 kt 154-177 km/h	<b>Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage:</b> Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted and block numerous roads. Near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.
3 (major)	111-129 mph 96-112 kt 178-208 km/h	<b>Devastating damage will occur:</b> Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads. Electricity and water will be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.
4 (major)	130-156 mph 113-136 kt 209-251 km/h	<b>Catastrophic damage will occur:</b> Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted and power poles downed. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.
5 (major)	157 mph or higher 137 kt or higher 252 km/h or higher	<b>Catastrophic damage will occur:</b> A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

[Hurricane Preparedness | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasota.gov/preparedness) which has excellent resources for residents regarding Preparedness, Evacuation Procedures, and Shelters including:

- [Homeowners | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasota.gov/homeowners)
- [Medical Needs Program | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasota.gov/medical-needs-program)
- [Disaster Planning for Animals \(Domestic and Rural\) | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasota.gov/disaster-planning-for-animals)
- [Transportation Plan \(Hurricane Evacuation Centers\) | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasota.gov/transportation-plan) Note: the Venice Community Center is NOT an evacuation center. The only one in Venice is the Taylor Ranch Elementary School located at 2500 Taylor Ranch Trail in Venice, FL 34293. They are pet friendly.
- [Hurricane Evacuation Centers | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasota.gov/hurricane-evacuation-centers)
- [Know Your Evacuation Level \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

**EVACUATION SHELTERS – VWCA IS LOCATED IN EVACUATION LEVEL C.** Per Sarasota County Emergency Center, stay tuned to your television and/or radio for announcements regarding the status of the hurricane and evacuation orders. If you have special needs, please call 941-861-5000 for assistance.

[Hurricane Evacuation Centers | Sarasota County, FL \(scgov.net\)](https://www.sarasota.gov/hurricane-evacuation-centers)

Please contact me at 774-200-7620, Karen Campbell at 941-702-4107, or Sue Manley at 309-264-8809 with any questions or concerns.

Prayers that this hurricane season will be uneventful!!!

Warm regards,

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