

## East Point Towers Hurricane Guidelines

Whenever a tropical storm, or hurricane watch or warning, has been issued, all residents should promptly comply with the guidelines from the Manager's Office and from governmental authorities for protecting their apartments against damage and, if necessary, for evacuating the premises. Visit these web links for additional information:

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/fire-rescue/hurricane-preparedness>

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=10777>

The following instructions are important for all EPT residents and their guests to follow. More comprehensive information may be studied by reading hurricane preparation information provided by the local media and local retailers.

**The balcony floor must be clear of all furniture, plants and any other items if hurricane shutters do not enclose the balcony. All shutters must be closed and securely latched.** Hurricane shutters that were not properly closed and latched blew off of the buildings during Hurricane Wilma. If you have hurricane shutters, please have your hurricane shutters professionally inspected and repaired if necessary.

Every resident who leaves the building before a storm should ensure that the Association Office is given a contact number to call after the storm, if necessary. The Association may be required to enter a resident's unit to mitigate damage to the common area or other units. Please ensure that the manager has a key to your unit. The right to enter any unit as necessary in an emergency is clearly granted by Florida law. If a unit key is unavailable, it may be necessary to forcefully enter a unit. If a resident has not provided a working key, all costs associated with repairs from forced entry are the exclusive responsibility of the owner. Again, please make sure the Association Office has a current, working key to the unit. Keys are stored securely in locked boxes and are coded, not numbered with the unit numbers. The security staff does NOT have access to these keys.

Plywood may not be installed over any door or window at any time.

**Boat owners must remove boat whips and move boats from the dock to another safe location, away from East Point Towers. This requirement is part of the boat dock lease. Failure to comply will result in the termination of the lease.**

**All elevators may be shut down during the storm for safety, and for the protection of the elevator equipment. Any resident remaining at East Point during a storm who is unable to climb and descend the stairwells should plan to go elsewhere until elevator service is restored. Please note that elevator service will not be restored until the machinery and shafts have been inspected for damage or flooding.**

Residents with special needs such as oxygen or power-dependent medical equipment should make immediate arrangements to leave the property during mandatory evacuation.

**If there is a mandatory evacuation that includes East Point Towers and a resident chooses not to leave the building, it is important to note that emergency personnel will not respond to a 911 call. In a mandatory evacuation, the cooling tower pumps may be shut down to protect their motors, in which case your unit's A/C will not work. If the decision is made to shut off A/C, warnings will be posted outside the elevators in the ground-floor lobbies immediately upon the declaration of a mandatory evacuation so that residents can plan accordingly. After the storm passes, the cooling towers would need to be inspected for damage before being restarted.**

**Candles should not be used inside units during power outages because they have caused fires, especially if there is wind intrusion in a unit.** Instead, please have a flashlight with fresh batteries on hand. It is recommended that you also purchase a battery operated radio or television for monitoring the storm and recovery efforts.

It is also recommended that bathtubs be filled with water before a storm to provide water that can be used to flush toilets, and that you store adequate bottled drinking water for at least 5 days.

**During the storm, the main entrances of the 1160 and 1170 buildings will be locked to prevent them from being blown open, and residents must be sure to keep all doors and windows closed to prevent rapid pressurization inside units and common areas. Card rooms will be locked. No pets are allowed on the property and visitors may not bring pets onto the property at any time. Violators may be fined.**

Any vehicle parked in any location other than the resident's authorized parking space should have on its dashboard a note with the vehicle owner's name, unit number, and telephone number, in case the car must be moved. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed and violators may be fined.

The emergency generator will operate the entire social hall, emergency lights in the stairwells/hallways and the elevators (although the elevators may be shut down during the storm). During power outages, the showers in the social hall will have hot water and the

building will be air-conditioned. Electronic devices may also be charged in the social hall as needed.

**Residents may not store or operate generators inside units or on balconies at East Point Towers. Residents may not store flammable fuel anywhere on the EPT property.**

Observing these guidelines will help make the Association safe and secure during these life-threatening emergency events.

**The City of Fort Lauderdale has established a Hurricane Emergency Hotline that will offer recorded messages with up to date information and important announcements in the event a storm threatens the area. After a hurricane, citizens are urged to call 954-828-8888 to stay informed on upcoming supply distributions, traffic alerts, road closings and safety advisories. Residents are reminded that they may obtain essential information before, during and after a storm by tuning in to the City of Fort Lauderdale radio station 1610 AM, cable access channel 78, or website at [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov).**