# HURRICANE READINESS AND RECOVERY HANDBOOK

Hurricane Season Begins June 1st

And Continues Through November 30th

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# **Board Pre-Planning Activities**

- Maintain a current Vendor list.
- Make sure building insurance coverage is adequate.
- Make sure trees are trimmed and all dying plants/trees are removed.
- Make sure all leaks in common areas (i.e., roof, windows, pipes) are repaired and the carport is in good shape. Typically, carports are not as stable as other structures.
- Make sure funds are available to use after the storm for repair contractors, etc.
- Board should make sure that they have current contact information for all owners.
- Have an annual inspection of the roof.
- Locate/place physical copies of all official records in an area that is safe from hurricane damage and flood waters. They are currently located in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor storage room. Per President of Board, electronic copies of official records offsite, effective 1/1/19.
- Make sure there are pictures and/or videos of property for insurance purposes.

- Inspect all emergency lighting and replace bulbs and install fresh batteries where needed.
- Inspect all fire extinguishers, fire alarms, smoke detectors, other emergency alarms/equipment and replace as needed.
- Encourage residents to know they are in Evacuation Zone A, which
  means that we must evacuate if there is a mandatory evacuation.
  They need to know the evacuation routes and need to be
  prepared for an evacuation.
  - It is a second-degree misdemeanor offense for a resident to stay when the evacuation is mandatory, and can result in a fine.
- Board should encourage home owners to have hurricane shutters and/or hurricane impact windows installed.
- Board should know their statutory powers in the event of certain emergency conditions (per Chapter 718 the Florida Condominium Act). As part of their statutory powers, the board has the power to name persons who are not directors as "assistant officers" to accommodate the incapacity or unavailability of any officer of the association and who have the same authority as the officers during the state of emergency.
- Remind residents that we are in Zone A, which means that we
  must evacuate if there is a mandatory evacuation. It is a seconddegree misdemeanor offense for a resident to stay when the
  evacuation is mandatory and can result in a fine.

- Let tenants know early (e.g., when directed by authorities) of any intent to shut down the building electricity, water or sewer services. The Manchester Board will decide the best way to do this.
- Identify residents who have difficulty with mobility. Create a plan to help them if the electricity goes out or elevator fails.
- Set up a system to keep track of residents who leave the building so that everyone can be accounted for once the storm has passed.

### **Resident Pre-Planning Activities**

Note: Condo owners should prepare for an approaching storm. If a hurricane sets its sights on Pinellas County, condominium owners need to be ready to weather the storm.

- Know Your Evacuation Zone. We are in Zone A. Even if you live on an upper floor, you may be completely cut off from rescue if the grounds flood. Never evacuate up! If a mandatory evacuation is given, you must leave. It is a second-degree misdemeanor if you stay.
- If possible, get shutters to cover your glass windows, or hurricane impact windows. Be sure to check with your condominium association to see if specific style is required.
- Know where your exit stairwells are located. The exits may be necessary if your building loses power, and elevators are unavailable.
- Make sure your HO-6 homeowner's policy is up-to-date and know what your policy covers. 718.111(11), in the Florida Condominium Statutes states that owners are responsible for repairing the following: personal property; floor, wall and ceiling covering; electrical fixtures, appliances, built-in cabinets and counter tops, window treatments including curtains, drapes and blinds.

- If you plan to be absent during all or any portion of the hurricane season, you must prepare your unit prior to your departure. Also, designate a company or individual to care for your unit should a hurricane threaten the unit, or should your unit suffer hurricane damage. Before you leave for the summer, let the Board know who will be caring for your unit.
- The association should have a set of keys to your unit for emergency access.

### **Storm Plan Activities**

### **Board Checklist**

- Have floor captains or designated temporary officers check on residents who you know may need help before and after hurricane.
- After residents' evacuation, disable elevator on a middle floor to avoid flooding from the ground floor or leaks from the roof.
- Bring in patio furniture, umbrella, chairs and tables from the building patio. Relocate small potted plants to a safe location.
- Bring patio grill and extra propane tank to trash shed.
- Bring in lobby patio furniture on individual floors.
- Remove loose pictures from wall and bring to safe area.
- Lower hurricane shutters, if applicable
- Unplug security system and other electronic devices (i.e., air conditioner in elevator room, etc.).
- President or designated board member should have a check-off list of who evacuated and who did not.

### **Storm Plan Activities**

### **Resident Checklist**

- If applicable, bring your bike in to your unit.
- Bring your patio furniture and small potted plants into your unit, if applicable.
- Secure kayak and bike(s), if applicable. (Resident/owner should move kayak to a location to be determined). Per Manchester house rules, owners leaving for the summer must move their kayak/bike(s) to their unit prior to their leaving. Permanent residents must move kayak/bike(s) to their unit prior to storm.
- Refill your prescriptions. Make sure you have at least a one-week supply.
- Fill your car's gas tank. Have the oil, water and tires checked. Gas pumps cannot operate during power outages. Place emergency items inside, like booster cables, tire repair kit and spare tire and flashlight with extra batteries. The sooner this is done, the better, as lines at stations tend to get longer as the storm approaches.
- If your home may flood, stack valuable items and cover them with plastic.
- Get cash. Credit cards may not work. ATM's may not be operable.

- Secure your boat, if applicable.
- Make arrangements for your pets early.
- When a Hurricane Watch is issued, a storm may affect area within 36 hours.
- Approximately 72 hours prior to the storm, review your family plan and emergency survival kit checklist, and be prepared to leave, if necessary.
- Contact family members to coordinate efforts and exchange plan information.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings 24-48 hours before the storm, in order to protect food for as long as possible in the event that electricity is lost. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Minimal freezer door openings can keep frozen items safe for about two days. It is prudent to have several days' worth of food on hand that does not require refrigeration.
- If power will be off more than six hours, transfer refrigerated foods to an insulated cooler filled with ice or frozen gel packs.
   Keep a thermometer in the cooler to be sure the food stays at 40 degrees or below.

- Freeze drinking water in plastic jugs. Set up 5-gallon buckets with tight-fitting lids for use as emergency toilets. Line each bucket with a heavy -duty plastic trash bag.
- Establish an evacuation plan. Our community's evacuation zone is Zone A. Know where you will go once an evacuation is required, and the location of the nearest shelters (including those that accept pets).
- Charge your Electronics. All residents should charge cell phones, camera and laptop batteries and consider purchasing backup batteries.
- Consider storing drinking water in large containers or in the bathtub, as tap water may not be safe to drink for some time after the storm.
- Protect your personal property. Consider moving valuable items away from windows and doors. Keep a supply of towels on hand to address any water entry during the storm.
- Unplug all electronics and appliances (i.e. TV, computer, printers, routers, coffee makers, etc.).
- Listen for weather updates and information on local TV or radio.
   The NOAA Weather Radio is a reliable source. Turn to PCC-TV
   (Spectrum Channel #637), Your County Connection, to receive the latest official Pinellas-specific information. Don't rely on rumors and speculation.

- Consider purchasing a hand-crank transistor radio, in case the electricity goes out.
- If you are evacuating to a public shelter, see "Items to Take to Evacuation Center/Shelter" in this booklet.
- See "Documents to Take with You".
- Lock windows and doors.
- Advise friends/relatives and the Manchester Board of where you are going.

### Items to take to Evacuation Center/Shelter

### If you are evacuating to a public shelter:

Pack your essentials, but pack light as space is limited. It is possible you may only have a space that measures 5 feet by 2 feet. Remember, a public shelter is not a cruise ship, it is a life boat with the mission to save lives.

# Suggested items for a "Go Bag":

- Medications and copies of prescriptions
- Nonperishable food
- Special dietary food that is nonperishable
- Several gallons of drinking water to keep in your vehicle. A minimum of one gallon per person.
- Bedding for a small space
- Disinfectant wipes
- Personal hygiene items
- Change of clothes
- Eyeglasses
- Quiet games or reading materials
- Important papers and valid ID
- Cash and a phone list

# If you are evacuating to stay with friends/relatives or in a Host Home:

Take your "Go Bag" and ask in advance what kind of space you'll have for your possessions and vehicles.

### Important Documents to Take with You

# Personal papers to take with you:

- Driver's license or ID card
- Important phone numbers and emergency contacts
- Credit cards and list of creditors
- Medical records and blood type
- Prescription information (list of medications, dosage, prescription numbers, etc.)
- Doctor's contact information
- Cash and bank account numbers
- All insurance policies' numbers

### Items to move to a safe place:

- List of savings and investments, including CDs, stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- List of insurance policies with name of company, type of policy and policy number
- Copy of wills, trust documents and living wills
- Titles for your house, car and other property
- Birth, marriage, divorce, death and adoption certificates and passports
- List of family advisors, such as accountant, attorney and religious leader
- Educational and military records
- Other special papers that would be difficult or impossible to replace if lost
- \*Communicate location of the stored documents to a family member or friend outside the area.

### **Home Emergency Survival Kit**

If you are allowed to stay in your home during a hurricane, blackout, or any other type of emergency situation, here are some items to consider:

- Stock your home with emergency supplies of canned foods, water and extra back-up medications. Keeping plenty of water on hand is not only important for drinking purposes, but for sanitary purposes as well.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers by your phone. Include the Gulfport Police and Fire Departments, emergency medical, doctors, relatives, utility companies and insurance information. The number for the Town Shores Management Office is 727-345-9491.

You should plan on a 10-12-day supply of the following items suggested for your Home Emergency Survival Kit:

- Food that requires no cooking and fluids to drink
- Whole dry milk\*
- Canned fruit juices /sport drinks
- One gallon of water per person per day
- Canned meats and fish like Vienna sausage, meat spread or tuna
- Meat substitutes like beans
- Bread & crackers\*
- Peanut butter
- Dried fruits
- Dry cereals\*

- Granola bars or cookies\*
- Nuts, beef jerky and trail mix\*
- Non-electric can opener
- Utility knife
- Cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cooler and ice
- Pet food, if applicable

# First Aid Supplies:

- Adhesive bandages, gauze pads and tape
- Soap and anti-bacterial hand gel
- Antiseptic
- Latex gloves, scissors and tweezers
- Thermometer
- Sunscreen
- Over-the-counter pain reliever
- Anti-diarrhea medicine and laxative
- Anti-itch cream

# **Tools and Emergency Supplies:**

- Flashlight and lanterns
- Battery-operated radio/Hand-crank transistor radio
- Extra batteries
- Matches or lighter in a waterproof container
- Compass and local maps with shelter locations
- A shut-off wrench and other tools
- Paper and pencil
- Plastic sheeting and tarps
- Elastic cords or rope

### Sanitation:

- Portable toilet (5-gallon bucket, heavy trash bags, chlorine bleach)
- Toilet paper and moist towelettes
- Feminine supplies
- Personal hygiene items

# Clothing and bedding:

- One complete change of clothing and shoes per person
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Rain gear
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Sunglasses
- Towels

### **Pet-Friendly Shelters**

- Pinellas County pet owners have new options for pet-friendly emergency shelters. The Pinellas County School Board and Pinellas County government provide these three pet-friendly shelter locations.
  - Palm Harbor University High School
     1900 Omaha Street
     Palm Harbor
  - Largo High School410 Missouri Ave. N.Largo
  - Gibbs High School
     850 34<sup>th</sup> St. S.
     St. Petersburg

The facilities are substantially-built, have large indoor gyms and separate air handlers to ensure the comfort and safety of allergic citizens who shelter there.

\*\* Following are phone numbers to call to see if there are any changes in the location of the pet-friendly shelters:

Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center
Department of Emergency Management (727) 464-3800

\* During an emergency activation, call the Citizen Information Center at (727) 464-4333.

### **Other Pet Shelter Options**

Animal shelters, such as Pinellas County Animal Services, the Humane Society, and the SPCA, **cannot** accept your pets.

Also, please do not assume that a boarding kennel or hotel/motel will accept your pet. Check ahead (prior to 72 hours before the storm), and look for kennels in non-evacuation zones. For Pet-friendly hotels/motels, call the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 727-464-7200 or, during an evacuation, go to www.visitstpeteclearwater.com.

There are many services on the Internet that list pet-friendly lodgings and include travel recommendations. Search "pet-friendly lodgings" for options.

# **Recommended Disaster Supply Kit for Pets**

- Proper identification
- Immunization records
- County license rabies tag
- Food and water (2 wks. Supply)
- A carrier or portable kennel
- Medications
- Muzzle, collar, and leash
- Manual can opener
- Current photo of pet
- Feeding and water bowls
- Favorite toys and blanket
- Cat litter/pan and scoop
- Grooming items
- Plastic bags to handle waste
- Calming spray/herbs
- Soft item (sweater, etc.) with owner's scent

### **Shelter Preparation Tips for Your Pets**

- Make sure your pet has proper identification with either a collar tag or a microchip implant. Have proof of current county-issued rabies vaccination available. A license is your pet's ticket home. Fill out the attached Shelter Enrollment Information form and adhere it to your pet carrier or kennel. This form will contain all needed information about your pet for your stay at Pinellas County pet-friendly shelters.
- Plan for your pet well in advance. Write down your plan or create a checklist.
- Take your pet with you when you evacuate.
- Know your evacuation route and when you will evacuate.
- Ask friends or family living outside of evacuation areas if they can keep your pet.
- Make sure you have a collar and leash for keeping your pet under control.
- Keep a pet carrier (portable kennel) for each pet one that allows your pet to stand and turn around. The carrier should be marked with your pet's identification.
- Make sure all your pet's vaccinations are current and have proof available of its current county-issued rabies vaccination.

- Pack supplies for your pet, including current veterinary records, a two-week supply of food and water, medications with instructions, bowls, favorite toys and blanket, cat litter/pan, plastic bags, collar/leash, disinfectants to handle pet wastes, and a current photo of you with your pet.
- If you must use a kennel as a last resort, make sure it is not in an evacuation zone and reserve space as soon as possible. Kennels require proof of vaccinations.

### Who to Call for Help and to Register Your Pet

If you are going to need help in evacuating your pet, make preparations for your pet well ahead of a hurricane. If you are going to need help, you should call Pinellas County Animal Services at 727-582-2600 to register your pet for pickup. This should be scheduled at the beginning of Hurricane Season. The Fire Station that is closest to you will be the one that evacuates you and your pet in an emergency. For more information, call the local Fire Department or Emergency Management at 727-464-3800. You must call and register in order to receive PCAS pickup.

### **After the Storm Pet Care**

- Walk pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to their home.
   Often familiar scents and landmarks may be altered, and pets could easily be confused and become lost.
- Reptiles brought in with flood water and debris can pose a threat for animals after a disaster.
- Carry a picture of your pet for identification.
- After a disaster, animals can become aggressive or defensive.
   Monitor their behavior.

# **Post-Disaster Animal Collection Temporary Collection Sites**

After a storm, stray animals will be collected and staged at temporary collection sites prior to transfer to more permanent shelters. The location of these collection sites will be determined based on prevailing conditions. Every effort will be made to inform the public of these locations so that animals can be returned to their owners as quickly as possible.

Once the site(s) have been determined, you should look for your pet(s) at the location nearest your home and where you last saw your pet. To report a lost pet, call Pinellas county Animal Services at 727-582-2600.

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Pet ID #s:

# **Pet Friendly Shelter Enrollment Information**

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# **Required Supply List**

Please note that your pet(s) will be housed in a separate area. Only the Caretaker listed above (one caretaker per family) will have access to these pets.

- > Enough food for each pet for several days.
- Cat litter, litter pans, litter scoop
- > Food and water dishes
- Crate(s) large enough to house each pet. Your pet(s) will be crated for the duration of the disaster, please be sure that the crate you are providing is large enough for your pet to <u>stand up, turn around, and lay comfortably</u>. There should be room in the crate for food, water and a litter pan (cats).
- Leash and collar for each dog. Retractable leashes are not allowed
- > Pet waste bags for dogs. Owners will be required to pick up all pet waste
- > Toys and blankets/beds
- > Disinfectant and paper towels
- > Pet medications. Owners will be required to administer their own pet medications

**Pet Friendly Shelter Enrollment Information** 

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# **Board After the Storm Responsibilities**

Check the following, when the authorities give the OK to return to Town Shores:

- If the power has been turned back on, or is still on, turn the following items back on:
  - o Elevator
  - Elevator air conditioner
  - o Security system
  - o Fire alarm system
  - o Irrigation system
  - o Hot water system
  - o Pump
- If the cable and/or electric are out, call the appropriate companies to find out the status of when they might be back on.
- Check the following for possible problem situations:
  - o Carports
  - Fallen trees and branches
  - Roof, to see if everything is in order and has not been damaged.
  - o Flooded areas, if any
  - o Grounds, for debris (i.e., broken glass, etc.)
  - Watch out for downed electrical lines.
- Check all unoccupied condos for damage. Write down any damage found and contact owner.

- Contact the necessary vendors to remove trees/branches and to repair any known problems.
- Find out if and when the city will be picking the trash.

### **Resident After the Storm Responsibilities**

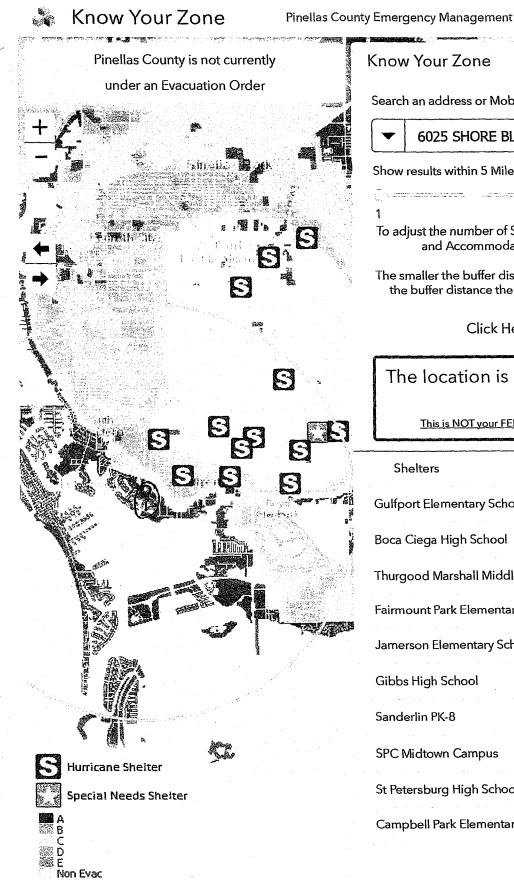
- Make sure there are no water leaks or water damage in your unit.
   If there are, call your insurance company. Notify
   Brian/Maintenance.
- If the power has been out more than 4-6 hours, it means that the temperature inside your refrigerator has been above 40 degrees for more than two hours, and your food should be discarded. Any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture should be discarded, as well. Never taste food to determine safety!
- Check to make sure there is no smell of gas. If so, contact the gas company, and open windows/doors until they arrive. (Phone # for TECO is 727-826-3333.)
- When instructed, do not use or flush your toilet. Powered sewer lift stations may be out of order, which could lead to a sewage back-up into homes.
  - o Use a chemical toilet if one is available.
  - Create an emergency toilet by using your toilet bowl or a five-gallon plastic bucket with a tight-fitting lid. Line either with a heavy-duty trash bag and use household bleach as a disinfectant. If using your toilet bowl, first turn off water and flush one time to empty before lining with trash bag.
  - DO NOT use 'kitty litter' in your emergency toilet. This cannot be flushed after the sewage system is operational.
  - Once given the OK, dispose of the emergency toilet's contents into your household commode.

- Thoroughly sanitize your emergency toilet with bleach before storing or disposing.
- Wash hands thoroughly with antibacterial soap and water after handling the emergency toilet.
- o If toilets aren't working, it may be best to stay elsewhere for sanitary reasons.
- If a boil-water order has been issued, boil the water that will be used for drinking. According to the Florida State Health Dept. and the Center for Disease Control, a pot of water that has been brought to a full rolling for one minute is enough to kill pathogens and make the water safe to consume. Let the water come to room temperature before drinking.

### **Local Shelters for Gulfport Residents**

- Things you need to know about public shelters:
  - Do not bring jewelry or valuables to the shelter. Make arrangements for those items before leaving home.
  - Do not bring pets to public shelters. If you have a pet, you must register in advance for a pet shelter.
  - Do not bring firearms, illegal drugs, or alcohol to public shelters.
  - Stay out of deserted or restricted areas of the building.
  - Law enforcement officials will be stationed at each open shelter. Report suspicious behavior to them.
  - Be courteous to others in the shelter by keeping noise to a minimum.
  - Please show respect and gratitude to the Pinellas County School Board or other host organization by leaving the shelter the way you found it.

\*The following page is a map of the Evacuation Zones, along with a list of names of location of area shelters.



**Know Your Zone** 

Search an address or Mobile Home

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Show results within 5 Miles

To adjust the number of Special Needs Shelters, Shelters, and Accommodations change the slider.

The smaller the buffer distance the less results. The larger the buffer distance the more results will be returned.

Click Here for Report

The location is in Evacuation Zone:

This is NOT your FEMA Flood Zone Designation

Shelters

Gulfport Elementary School	1.25 mi
Boca Ciega High School	1.78 mi
Thurgood Marshall Middle School	2.18 mi
Fairmount Park Elementary School	2.7 mi
Jamerson Elementary School	2.77 mi
Gibbs High School	3.14 mi
Sanderlin PK-8	3.49 mi
SPC Midtown Campus	3.96 mi
St Petersburg High School	4.57 mi
Campbell Park Elementary School	4.96 mi

Questions about your Evacuation Zone please contact Emergency Ma Difficulties with the application please contact the Operations Cente Rev 2019

# **Should I Go or Stay?**

- If you are in a Mandatory Evacuation Zone, it is illegal to stay in a home/building under a Mandatory Evacuation Order. These orders are issued when the probability of storm surge is high, and there could be loss of life if the residents don't leave. Under Florida Statute 252.38, the local authority has the ability to take necessary steps to provide for the health and safety of people and property. Chapter 252.50 sets refusal to follow an evacuation order as a second-degree misdemeanor. The police will not drag you out, but they will likely ask for the next of kin or an emergency contact.
  - o Town Shores is in Level A, which indicates that we would be the first level to be issued a Mandatory Evacuation Order.
  - Do not stay in an area that is at risk for surge flooding.
  - Do not plan to escape to higher floors and do not wait until the last minute to leave for higher ground and survive the storm.
- When it comes to evacuating, there are many decisions to make.
   One of those decisions is whether to stay in Pinellas County or drive hundreds of miles to an out-of-town location.
  - Finding high ground in Pinellas County is possible. Even for a Category 5 storm, a structure in these areas that is hardened to withstand high winds can provide safe shelter.

Evacuating to a safe shelter within the county has its advantages. You can avoid traffic jams the uncertainty that comes with driving the crowded highways as other counties evacuate along with Pinellas. You can avoid going elsewhere in the state only to find that the storm has shifted, and you are now in harm's way - And you will avoid the crowds when it comes time to head home.

If staying in Pinellas seems like a good decision, plan ahead to find safe shelter by asking friends, relatives or coworkers if they are willing to become a host home to you and your family during a storm or find a hotel or motel in the area in a non-evacuation zone.



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# **Evacuation Level**

A () B () C () D () E () None ()

### **Surge Depth of 5 Feet**

### This Location is in Evacuation Zone: A

EVACUATION LEVELS ARE BASED ON STORM SURGE AND OTHER SAFETY FACTORS. FOR EVACUATION ROUTES, AND SHELTER LOCATIONS GO TO (More info (http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/knowyourzone.htm))

- Nine out of ten hurricane-related deaths are attributable to the effects of storm surge.
- Storm surge depths do not include waves on top of the surge, which can reach up to 3/4's of a mile inland and add 31/2' to 16' of additional water depth.
- A surge event can last many hours and the results may mean days before emergency responders can reach you.
- A foot of water will float many vehicles, two feet of moving water can carry away most vehicles.
- Electrical outlets will be covered with 12 -16" of storm surge and that could cause electrocution and fire.
- Inland surge will be full of debris such as cars, boats, trees, parts of structures, etc.
- Debris in storm surge is hazardous to people and structures.

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