

# HURRICANE SEASON RULES OF THE ROAD

1. Have all outdoor furniture and all movable objects and loose debris on your property that could act as projectiles secured or brought inside before going on vacation or before going north for the summer. **Plan for boat storage.** Check all shutters and make sure they are in place before leaving. Shut off water, gas, and electric if possible.
2. If you intend to stay in Key Colony Beach throughout the summer hurricane season, you should have everything in order so that with a minimum amount of time and effort, you can secure all remaining property and evacuate. Check your shutters and have them in place before leaving.
3. When making the decision whether to evacuate keep in mind there will be no emergency services during or immediately after the storm. You will most likely be without electricity, cable, telephone and water service. We strongly advise adherence to a mandatory evacuation. While cleanup and the restoration of essential services are underway, access to the island will be restricted in the aftermath of a hurricane. Only residents and business owners with proper identification will be allowed onto the island during the cleanup period. Business owners and Condo Associations are strongly urged to provide ID cards to their essential personnel to aid them in getting onto the island.
4. Secure all boats, trailers and boats on trailers with cables and tie-downs. **YOU** are responsible for your property if it causes others damage or harm! **Your cooperation in this matter is absolutely necessary.**
5. **Realtors, Vacation Property Managers and Construction Crews:** It is your responsibility to have the manpower necessary to secure units and construction sites in anticipation of a hurricane. Please plan ahead.

## REMEMBER

Flood insurance is NOT covered by normal Homeowner's Insurance. You must obtain a separate flood policy. Call your agent in regard to types of coverage available.

All of Key Colony Beach is in a flood zone due to its proximity to the ocean and gulf. Special building techniques are **required** by local, state, and federal agencies to reduce damage due to flooding. Contact the building department at City Hall **prior to any** alteration or addition to assure code compliance and savings in insurance premiums. Illegal development should also be reported to City Hall as this could affect all of our community's insurance premiums negatively.

The city public works crew regularly cleans and maintains the city storm water drainage system. Please assist us by keeping your closest storm drain or swale clear of obstructions and debris. Please call City Hall if you notice any blockages, and we will quickly correct the problem.

The city will help you with hurricane and flood protection information. **Call City Hall, 305-289-1212. Ext. 2**

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## **HURRICANE SEASON - JUNE 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30**

Monroe County Emergency Management in conjunction with NOAA weather service, Key Colony Beach officials, local radio (104.1 FM), and television, will alert city residents as to the dangers of a severe hurricane. Citizens are cautioned that there are very few buildings in Monroe County that can withstand the conditions of a serious hurricane; therefore, residents can best assure their safety by evacuating to the mainland.

One of the first advisories issued is the **HURRICANE WATCH**. A hurricane watch is issued when there is a possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within **48 hours**. **Key Colony Beach canals will be closed to boat traffic at HURRICANE WATCH status.** This will allow residents time to secure their vessels in the canal. Residents wishing to trailer their boats should do so before the issuance of a **HURRICANE WATCH**. Beginning with the **HURRICANE WATCH** and ending when the tourist evacuation order has been lifted, residents may park a boat and trailer in their driveway so long as it is securely anchored and there is at least a 20 inch clearance from the edge of the paved road.

Persons who plan to move their RV homes, boats and trailers and other high profile vehicles along US 1 must do so during or prior to the **HURRICANE WATCH PERIOD**, before hurricane emergency road restrictions go into effect.

A **HURRICANE WARNING** indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within **36 hours or less** for your part of the coast. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

Utilizing the time frame for the expected arrival of tropical storm force winds forecast by the National Hurricane Center and National Weather Service Office, Emergency Management officials will determine a time to halt evacuations. Once evacuations have been halted, Emergency Management officials will advise remaining residents to exercise their option of internal relocation to either a friend's or relative's home, a hotel or motel, a shelter provided by an employer, or a local hurricane shelter. **NO SHELTERS WILL BE OPEN** in Monroe County for a Category 3, 4, or 5 hurricane. Residents living in the projected storm impact area are strongly urged to evacuate outside the projected impact zone. Residents who have not evacuated out of county should no longer attempt to do so.

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Key Colony Beach Police Department: 305 289 2351

Emergency Dial 911

Monroe County Rumor Control & Information Line: 1-800-955-5504

**City Hall Info Line: 305-289-1212 - Residents should call this number for up to date re-entry information. City Officials will regularly update the telephone voice mail system to reflect current conditions and the projected re-entry times.**