Linda from Starfish Association Management writes:

Use digital camera with date format. I wrote associations name on index cards and took a picture of it as I arrived at the property. This made identifying which pictures went to which association easier later. Get an extra battery for camera and be sure to charge it.

Lucinda from Royal Shell Property Management writes:

In case of hurricane:

- -Make sure you are prepared before the storm.
- -Have a book with all insurance, owner and contractor information since your server might not be available after the storm.
- -Communication with owners is key and will make the process smoother for you and the owners.
- -Be mentally prepared because no matter what you do there will be a lot of negative comments as owners will not understand all of the steps that have to be taken to rebuild.

Dawn from Starfish Association Management writes:

Get video or photo documentation.

Jonathan from Alliant Association Management writes:

Make early preparations.

Bobbie from Pointe Royale Condominium Association writes:

Have a large supply of heavy duty trash bags on hand to clean out refrigerators of units vacated when electric is off for a few days or for small plants and foliage clean up.

Jennie from Olympia Point Community Association writes:

- -Issue each resident a 5 gallon bucket for toilet water to fill toilets using pool water. Buckets can also be used to take pool water for bathing water.
- -Have large pots to boil water in on common BBQ grills
- -Require owners to empty freezer and refrigerators.
- -PRIOR to storms arrival, Contract for a bobcat, landscape vendor and all repair vendors.

Janet from Olympia Pointe Community Association writes:

Plan Before: have manager send out a list of items that should be on hand, such as water, candles, new batteries, non-perishable food items. "Think ahead!" Evacuation Plan

Stephanie from Parkside Place writes:

Document damage- Written/Pictures

Cheryl from Alliant Association Management writes:

- -First secure family.
- -Before Storm, Make sure all vendors will make your communities a priority for clean up, removal of trees and other debris from the roads.
- -After storm passes, make sure all are ok- or if anyone is in need of help
- -Then begin cleanup process

Micheline from Alliant Association Management writes:

Prepare ahead of time before it's time!

Bill from Alliant Association Management/ Stoneybrook at Gateway writes:

During the storm even you should have all cell phones fully charged and an evacuation route in place.

John from Alliant Association Management writes:

- -Handle as a team-place one person as contact for insurance and Board update
- -Have one person sweep property for flying objects
- -Prepare by having updated photos of all assets

Bonnie from Cardinal Management group writes:

Managers should print hard copies of owners list, vendors list, property site plans with utility shut offs. If power and phone towers are down, managers will not be able to access their computers for information.

Donna from Alliant Association Management writes:

- -Always prepare for every storm- EVEN if you area is not targeted.
- -If you have hurricane shutters, PUT THEM UP, OR ROLL THEM DOWN- Don't be complacent- we did but many in charlotte county didn't!
- -Prepare WAY ahead- Organize insurance and all paperwork, have cash, video property with newspaper date and inventory list.
- -Have a plan and a plan for pets
- -Have a plan for after the store- no phones usually

Lynann with CAM writes:

Prior back up on everything

Donna with CAM writes:

Make sure you have an emergency binder with all pertinent information.

Doris from The Beach and Tennis Club writes:

Make sure employees are prepared and preapproved for entry into disaster affected areas.

- -Name tags (employees)
- -Property emergency items location

Kris from Alliant Association Management writes:

Make sure you always have plenty of bottled water on hand

Louis writes:

Make sure your landscaper has a plan for clean up. Have a preapproved amount for emergency that will not need board approval.

Jerett from Emerald Pointe Condominium Association writes:

Prepare then prioritize. Everyone seems to think that their issue is the only issue. Prioritize with diplomacy. ©

Jack from Alliant Association Management writes:

Leave town early- And get a good hotel room!

Sandra from Associa Gulfcoast writes:

Make sure you have contracted with your landscaper for debris removal in a timely manner.

Dixie from Bell Tower Park writes:

Have a plan in place prior to event. Have clean up company in place prior to event and have landscaper on list to clean up roadways.