



CITY OF PLUM GROVE

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Public Statement: Hurricane Preparedness Tips

Dear Residents of Plum Grove,

June 1, 2023, marked the first day of hurricane season, we would like to ensure the safety and well-being of our community by providing you with essential tips for hurricane preparedness.

Please take note of the following recommendations:

1. Create an Emergency Plan:

- Develop a family emergency plan, including evacuation routes and meeting points.
- Ensure everyone knows important contact information and designate an out-of-town contact person.
- Make arrangements for pets, if applicable.

2. Prepare an Emergency Kit:

- Stock up on non-perishable food, drinking water, and necessary medications for at least three days.
- Gather essential supplies such as flashlights, batteries, a battery-powered radio, and a first aid kit.
- Have extra cash on hand in case of power outages affecting ATMs and card machines.

3. Secure Your Property:

- Trim trees and remove any loose branches that could potentially cause damage during high winds.
- Reinforce doors and windows with storm shutters or plywood to protect against flying debris.
- Secure outdoor furniture, grills, and other loose items that could become projectiles in strong winds.

4. Stay Informed:

- Monitor local weather forecasts and stay updated through reliable news sources, radio, or official emergency alerts.
- Follow the instructions and advice provided by local authorities and emergency management officials.
- Sign up for emergency alerts and notifications to receive real-time information directly.

5. Evacuation Preparedness:

- Familiarize yourself with evacuation routes and shelters in the area.
- If advised to evacuate, follow the instructions promptly and take necessary items from your emergency kit.
- Keep important documents, such as identification and insurance papers, in a waterproof container.

6. Communication Plan:

- Ensure that everyone in your household has a charged cell phone or a designated means of communication.
- Establish a communication plan to stay in touch with family members, friends, and neighbors during an emergency.
- Share your contact information with local authorities or emergency response teams, if necessary.

7. After the Storm:

- Be cautious of hazards such as downed power lines, flooded areas, and weakened structures.
- Take photographs of any damage to your property for insurance purposes.
- Contact your insurance company as soon as possible to initiate the claims process, if applicable.

Remember, preparedness is the key to minimizing the impact of hurricanes on our community. By following these guidelines and staying informed, we can ensure the safety and resilience of Plum Grove.

Sincerely,

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