

May 23, 2021

Dear Aquanique owners and residents,

This has been another busy year. Although Covid-19 continued to impact our thoughts and actions, we have been working on many projects. Currently committees are researching: replacing the roof, repairing some balconies, painting the building and railings, installing first floor hurricane shutters and updating maintenance procedures. In addition, June 1st marks the start of **hurricane season**.

We have been quite fortunate in the past few years (although we have had major scares). Let's hope our good fortune continues and we are storm free, but if we have a problem you need to be aware of a few things:

1. **Resident Hurricane Preparation Procedures** – You can find information by going to the website: <http://aquanique.weebly.com/hurricane-info.html>

In case of emergency and for general communication, the Aquanique office needs owners' current contact information. If you have had any changes, please make sure the office has the correct information (including email address.) During a storm, email is our communication method.

Each unit should have one key to the south door (leads to stairs). If the electricity and generator are both off, you can enter the building through that door and use the stairs to get to your unit. The keys have been available in the office since last year. You must sign for it and, again, there is only one per unit. (If you have not picked up your key, please do so).

After a mandatory evacuation order is issued by St Lucie County, the building will be shut down. (Sometimes the county cuts off access to the island and shuts off water and electricity to the whole island.) When winds reach a certain speed, the bridge is closed.

Our systems must be shut down properly and then turned on properly. Serious and expensive damage can result if things are not done correctly. No one is to adjust, turn on, turn off, etc. any systems. Dwayne is responsible for this. In other words, **NO ONE** touches or works on anything without express permission/guidance from Dwayne or an authorized Advantage Management employee.

Under unusual circumstances during a Tropical Storm or Category 1 Hurricane or higher, the Association-Board/ Management Company may opt to shut things down for the safety of residents and equipment.

Close your shutters. If you are not in residence your shutters should be closed. **Aquanique is not responsible for closing your shutters.** If you are unable to close them yourself, you should contract with someone to do so.

Owners/residents are responsible for their unit's storm preparation. **NO FURNITURE, planters, etc.** can be left on balconies. **All furniture should be removed**

from balconies whenever the unit is unoccupied. (Sudden, brief storms with high winds are common and leaving furniture on the balconies can be dangerous.) If there is time, Aquanique staff will try to remove things left on balconies. There will be an additional charge.

Suggestion: If there is a mandatory evacuation.... **LEAVE.** There may be no electricity. The elevators will not be working. (They have to be shut off to prevent damage from surges.) The generator is for short term use and will not be used during a mandatory evacuation. The timing of shutting down is dependent upon weather conditions and county announcements. The timing can change moment to moment. In the past, some residents complained that it was difficult to make reservations and plans because they were not sure when they had to leave. It is difficult but it is out of our control. Storms make their own timelines. Also, we must allow time for staff to complete tasks and get to their homes safely. Advantage Property Management and Aquanique work together on this.

If you remain in the building during a mandatory evacuation, you must sign a paper with the names of people staying and contact info for next of kin. This has to be done – **the Fire Dept. requires this.** If you remain, you must do this before the fire department picks up the list. Building doors must be secured prior to a fire department inspection. (This limits access to the trash room door and the east door.) We have no control over the timing of this.

Please contact us with any questions/concerns.
I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Take care,
Judy Brenner
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Aquanique Ocean Club