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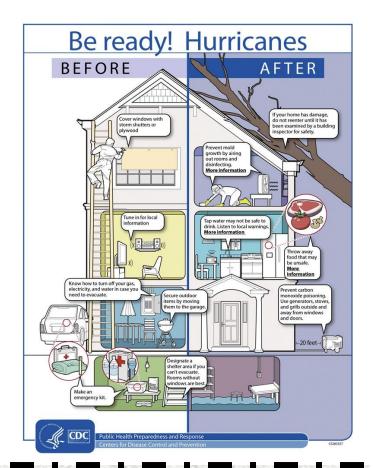
# IT IS HURRICANE SEASON



#### KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HURRICANE "WATCH" AND "WARNING."

Listen for National Weather Service alerts on TV or radio or check for them online. There are two kinds of alerts:

 A hurricane watch means hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 miles per hour [mph] or higher) are possible in a stated area. Experts announce hurricane watches 48 hours before they expect tropical-storm-force winds (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) to start.



A **hurricane warning** is more serious. It means hurricane-force winds are **expected** in a stated area. Experts issue these warnings 36 hours before tropical-storm-force winds are expected in the area to give people enough time to prepare for the storm.

For more information about hurricane watches and warnings, <u>check out the National Weather</u> <u>Service's Hurricane Center</u>. If you hear that there is a hurricane watch or warning in your area, you

## **REMINDER:**

Home Owners' Association Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, June 19th, 7 p.m. You are encouraged to attend! Southwest Property Management 610 Wymore Road, #200 Maitland, FL 32751







#### HOW TO PROPERLY DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG

The American flag comes with a lot of history, which is why members of the organization constructed the **National Flag Code**. This is under Public Law 94-344 and contains the appropriate flag etiquette. Including rules on handling the American flag and honoring the nation's most iconic symbol of freedom. Although the U.S flag code does not have any penalties, each state has their own individual flag code which may impose penalties for misusing the flag.

In the U.S. flag code, there are specific guidelines on American flag etiquette and how flags should be handled. Respecting American flag etiquette is extremely important and requires careful attention so that your flag display represents the nation in a dignified manner.

The flag can be raised from sunrise to sunset, or if illuminated, it can flown for 24 hours a day. But you should make sure if you want your flag to fly at half-staff, you should always raise the flag to the top of the flagpole first and then lower it to half-staff position. Before you start to raise it, make sure your flag is properly attached to the halyard. Raising the flag must be done with extra care and you must avoid letting it touch the ground.

If you want to display your flag at night, it should be properly illuminated so that it is visible, identifiable and presented with respect at all times. Your flag is a powerful symbol and should be treated with the honor it deserves. Not only does it help ensure legal compliance but also maintains respect for the nation's identity and values.

Because it is exposed to the elements on a daily basis, your flag will likely experience some wear over time. If you notice any fraying at the edges, that the colors are not as vibrant, or that it has become stained, it is time to retire your flag and fly a new one.

Many state and county government offices and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts have flag disposal boxes outside of their buildings. Police stations also collect them. Once the disposal boxes are full, various organizations such as American Legions, VFWs and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts collect the flags and hold <u>flag retirement ceremonies</u>.





