

# Hurricane Preparedness

Officially, the Hurricane Season starts June 1st and ends November 30th.

We ask each owner to make arrangements with a maintenance company or contractor to complete the following tasks in the event a mandatory evacuation is ordered:

Shutters put up or closed

Outdoor Furniture Stowed Away

Gas Lines Turned off at the tank

Water Main Turned Off

Trim Trees/Remove Coconuts

Stowe Away Items like pesticide bottles, garden tools, garbage cans

\*\*\*Now is the time to get prepared\*\*\*

## Protecting Your Home

The most important precaution you can take to reduce damage to your home and property is to protect the areas most vulnerable to wind. According to recent wind technology research, it is important to strengthen the exterior of your house in an effort to minimize wind damage. Critical areas to protect and reinforce include: roofs, windows, doors and garage doors.

-We have a list of contactors and maintenance companies to help you with this important task-

Links to websites:

**National Hurricane Center**

[http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/retrofit/secure\\_home.shtml](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/retrofit/secure_home.shtml)

**Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)**

[www.flash.org](http://www.flash.org)

**Institute for Business and Home Safety**

<http://www.ibhs.org>

**Monroe County One Stop Homepage**

[http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/Pages/MonroeCoFL\\_EmerNews/onestop/index](http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/Pages/MonroeCoFL_EmerNews/onestop/index)

**NOAA**

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)