



Newsletter

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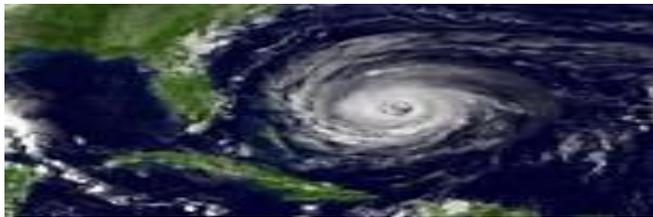
Communiq  was established and founded on the basic principle not just to communicate, but to communicate more skillfully.

Our philosophy of communicating more skillfully includes a promise to listen, engage, learn, and grow with your community, resulting in unsurpassed customer service. Communiq  is redefining excellence in management for Condominium and Homeowner Associations by providing a VOICE to the communities we serve. We strive to communicate in a way that both nurtures the relationships and protects the values in the community.

Be Prepared

The time to prepare for a hurricane is before the season begins. With hurricane season just around the corner, it's the perfect time to make a disaster plan. Some things you should keep in mind when making your plan include:

- Research shelters in your area. If you have a pet, be sure the shelter you are going to is pet friendly.
- Set aside a basic kit with items that you will need to take to a shelter with you including personal items, medications, food, pet food, etc.
- Compile personal documents that you may need and store them in a readily available place to take with you or store the documents off property.
- Inventory your possessions to keep with your insurance paperwork.
- Stock up on household items and other necessities that you will need if the power is out and does not turn back on for several days.
- Purchase a battery powered weather alert radio and a non-electric landline phone.
- Notify family in advance to let them know where you will be staying.



Hurricane Season begins June 1st

It's that time of the year again. Hurricane season starts Jun 1st and ends Nov 30th. Each hurricane season there is an average of 12 named storms. While many of these storms will pass us by with little or no effect, it takes only 1 storm to cause major damage. Don't wait until the last minute to gather materials and supplies.

Preparation is key to the health and safety of your family as you never know when you will need to put those plans in place.

If you're new to Florida or making plans for the first time, please be aware that there are many great resources out there to help you with your planning. We've included a few great resources on our website. Feel free to visit www.communicuemgmt.com and click on resources to find direct links to Sarasota County, Manatee County, and the Tampa Bay Guide. These sites contain helpful information that will be useful when making your hurricane disaster plan.

While we are hoping for an uneventful season, we understand that the best plan may be to hope for the best, but to prepare for the worst.

Vacation! - Safeguarding Your Home



You've worked all year dreaming about your well-deserved vacation and it's finally here. You've planned your itinerary, packed your bags, checked your travel arrangements, and you're ready to leave town and start relaxing. Before you hit the road, safeguard your home against thieves, fire, and other disasters by taking a few safety precautions to keep your home secure.

House sitter. If you're going to be away a week or more, ask a trusted friend to check on your house every day or two or house sit while you're gone. Not only will someone be available immediately if anything happens to your home, but they might also bring in your mail, water plants, and feed your pets. Let your neighbors know a friend is keeping an eye on things.

Set your lights on a timer. Leaving your house dark for days on end tells burglars it's empty, as does keeping your lights on 24/7. Set lights on a timer that's scheduled to simulate your regular routine. Set the timers in individual rooms on staggered schedules to make the light coming from your home seem natural.

Stop your mail. Nothing screams "nobody's home!" like a pile of newspapers on your doorstep or an overflowing mailbox. So, if you can't get a friend or neighbor to collect

them for you, it's best to have your mail and paper stopped.

Don't leave the spare house key lying around. That fake rock where you keep the extra house key isn't as discrete as you think. Spare keys kept under your

welcome mat, above the door frame, or in a hide-a-key contraption will be found by thieves who will gain easy entry into your house. Take the spare key with you, let a friend hold onto it or put it away inside, even if you're worried about losing your other keys. Calling a locksmith is better than calling the police.

Make a last-minute checklist. Are all the windows and doors locked? Stove and oven turned off? How about the faucets? Are the electronics unplugged and valuables secured? Take a few minutes before you leave to ensure your house is vacation-ready, then kick back and have a great vacation.



In the Kitchen: Quick and Easy Brownies

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup butter
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 eggs
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup walnut halves

Directions:

Melt the butter or margarine and mix all ingredients in the order given.

Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 20 to 30 minutes in a 9 x 13-inch greased pan.

Serve warm topped with whipped cream or ala mode and enjoy. It's a Great ending to any delicious dinner!