**Preparing for Severe Weather**

As we plan to prepare and feel the impacts of forecasts calling for heavy rains, winds or snow, we recognize that severe weather could result in flooding and power outages.

Residents needing 24/7 assistance must make prior arrangements with their healthcare agencies or family members. Advise the desk if you plan to be away during a severe weather period.

Use of open flame candles is prohibited in the Mid-rise except for religious observances. *Please consider everyone’s safety and do not use open flame candles.*

Residents should always have a personal emergency kit prepared (refer to Red Cross preparation sheet checklist handout) to include the following suggested items;; A minimum of a 5 day supply of needed prescriptions. **(emergency orders may be placed with the Wellness Center for next day delivery).** Personal hygiene items, cell phones, emergency contact phone numbers, flashlight, blanket, change of clothing, sturdy shoes, eyeglasses, hearing aid supplies, first aid items, battery powered radio, cash, pet supplies.

We suggest you fill empty containers with water. We always have large supplies of bottled water on hand.We have a 10 day food and water supply, including canned and dried food products.

In the event of a power outage our walk-in refrigerators and freezers are powered by our generator.If culinary staff has difficulty getting to work in severe weather we will provide buffet-style dining service. Villa residents should not attempt to walk or drive to dinner during severe weather, staff will arrange to deliver boxed meals to you.

In the event of power failure, the generator power will partially light hallways and commons areas in Windrows Hall. The generator does not power individual apartments.

Only the center elevator will work during a power outage.

The SARA emergency system for pendants and pullcords will operate only if the phone system is working. The Windrows Hall fire intercom system does work on generator power therefore we can communicate with Windrows Hall residents.

*Safe zones* in Windrows Hall and our Villa townhouse community are any areas away from glass windows. The Wilson Gallery and surrounding commons areas are *safe zones*. Villa and townhouse *safe zones* would be hallways and areas without glass windows.

We always have extra batteries, emergency flashlights, first aid and emergency supplies on hand.

We have a police scanner and NOAA weather radio.

Senior management are on site- throughout entire severe weather events.

Our community has fortunately always fared well through blizzards, hurricanes and tropical storms.

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