



LOSS CONTROL BULLETIN

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EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER BUT...

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You will be able to take control of a bad situation before it happens if you have a storm action plan. Here are points to consider before the storm arrives.

Wind:

High winds will turn the most innocuous object into a lethal flying projectile. Your storm action plan should include stowing or securing all moveable items such as tables, chairs, umbrellas, golf clubs, golf carts, wheel barrows, tools, etc. Other objects such as trash barrels covers, ball washers, benches, signs, drinking fountains, etc. should be secured. Awnings should be removed or rolled up.

Rain:

Roof gutters and leaders should be kept clean to prevent water from backing up into the building. Storm drains should be kept free of debris.

Evacuation:

Your plan should consider the need to evacuate the building and/or the property should conditions warrant.

Tornado:

Seek shelter in the basement. If there is no basement, go to the center hallway or an inside first floor room. Keep away from windows.

Hail:

Get under cover and keep away from windows.

Flood:

Plans should include material and man power needs to combat river or coastal flooding.

Lightning:

Protect your clubhouse and other important buildings such as the maintenance building, cart storage building, halfway house, storm shelters, and employee living quarters with UL Master Label lightning protection systems. Consider protecting important trees on the property with the lightning rods.

Power Loss:

Emergency generators can be used to run sump pumps, refrigerators and freezers, and emergency lights. Get a generator large enough to power the critical circuits. Install a UPS system so that an orderly shut down of your computer can be made.

Some other things to Consider:

Keep vehicles topped off with gas.
Make sure all flashlights and portable radios have fresh batteries.
Keep a cellular phone handy.
Keep phone numbers for emergency services handy.

Complete your plan and then try it out. Hold a practice drill to uncover shortcomings and make adjustments.

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