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Dear Home Owner,

We are writing to encourage you to make your plans for hurricane season. If you rent your property we are asking you to make plans for your rental property as well

While we all hope for good weather this season, we want to encourage you to plan for preparations for a storm and the potential evacuation that would be possible in the case of a severe storm. In addition to the following see www.mycaptiva.info for suggestions to prepare for and respond to a hurricane threat. If possible, come to a meeting on April 11, 2007 at the Captiva Community Center to review preparations for 2007.

1. Get a hurricane pass. You will need it to re-enter the island after an evacuation. You can find instructions on www.mysanibel.com or get it at the Sanibel City Hall. Be sure to have proof of residency with you (Driver's license or bill addressed to your Captiva address).
2. Register anyone you would like authorized to check your house. They will need this authorization to go to your home after an evacuation. Register with the Resident Sheriff Deputies on Captiva by sending a signed letter to the attention of: Captiva Resident Sheriff Deputies c/o Captiva Fire Control District, P.O. Box 477, Captiva, FL 33924. Send a copy to the people who you are authorizing to enter your property. If the same people you authorized last year will be checking your property, you do not need to re-register them.
3. If you rent through an agency, check their plans for informing and evacuating renters. If you rent yourself, we recommend you inform renters to do the following during a storm
 - a. Listen to local media before and during a storm for instructions.
 - b. Watch Lee County TV (cable channel 11 on Captiva) for information and instructions.
 - c. Watch the Captiva Fire Station flagpole. If an evacuation is ordered, a red flag will be flown.

Most importantly, keep your family and possessions safe during hurricane season.

The Captiva Island Fire Control District
The Lee County Sheriff's office
The Captiva Hurricane Preparation and Response Committee