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Dear HCVP (Housing Choice Voucher Program) Participant:

The Gainesville Housing Authority (GHA) would like to inform you of our emergency procedures that will be taken, in the event our area is affected by **Hurricane Irma**. Our time to prepare for **Hurricane Irma** is now; with a community this size we cannot afford to wait for a **hurricane warning** to begin preparing. The smallest items can become projectiles creating damage to either your home or your neighborhood.

In the event that **Hurricane Irma** occurs and a mandatory evacuation is issued, by Emergency Management, GHA strongly urges program participants to follow the directives to ensure your safety and protection. If a participant chooses to remain within their home please make sure GHA has your current contact information and emergency contact information.

Hurricane Warning – With a **hurricane warning** we would expect sustained winds of at least 74 mph within 24 hours or less. It is essential we have all areas clear prior to this warning being issued. Please check for updated information on the GHA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GainesvilleHousingAuthority/> or email contactus@gnvha.org .

Please note the listing of sandbag locations is located at [wcjb.com](http://www.wcjb.com) here: <http://www.wcjb.com/content/news/Storm-Sandbags-Information-on-where-to-get-sandbags-to-prepare-for-Hurricane-Irma-442790833.html>

This list will be updated as more sites become available. Proof of residency verifiable by either a current utility bill or driver's license address will be required in order to obtain the sandbags from COG Public Works.

GHA encourage participants to visit [Storm Central](#) for [GRU 2017 Storm Preparedness Guide](#) for more information to prepare for the storm. Also, the Zello Walkie Talkie app, a free “push-to-talk applications” for smartphones, tablets, and PCs. This application does not rely on cell phone service however must have access to a network or WiFi connection. In the event that our areas cell towers are out of service this may be a useful tool.

After the Storm – We are asking all program participants to check in with us by sending us an email at copntactus@gnvha.org, or call Larry Pryor, Executive Assistant at (352) 494-5160 or

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Kameelah Spence, Public Policy/Public Information Officer at (352) 317-0189. **Call 911 if you have an emergency**

Be Safe!

Sincerely yours,

Pamela Davis, Executive Director
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