



GAINESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Dear Resident:

The Gainesville Housing Authority (GHA) would like to inform you of our emergency procedures that will be taken, in the event that 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.

Effective Friday, September 1, 2017, all residents must remove all personal property from outside and secure it within the home. If you do not remove your personal items, from outside your home, GHA will have them thrown away. If you plan on being away please make arrangements to have your personal property brought into your unit, or please remove them prior to leaving.

In the event that **Hurricane Irma** occurs and a mandatory evacuation is issued, by Emergency Management, GHA strongly urges residents to follow the directives to ensure your safety and protection. If a resident chooses to remain within their home GHA staff **will not** be allowed to provide assistance until Emergency Management notifies our office that it is safe to return.

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. Management will make a final inspection of the property to assure that all areas are clear. The management office will be closed after all areas have been secured.

During and After the Storm - If you have a maintenance emergency during this time please call Vince Marino, Maintenance and Facilities Director at (352) 317-7060 or Wendell Scott, Maintenance Director at (352) 494-5161. **Call 911 if you have an emergency!** In case of an evacuation or if we are struck by a severe storm it may be some time before management can return to the office. Please do not sightsee the area and stay away from disaster areas.

Sincerely yours,

Pamela Davis, Executive Director
Gainesville Housing Authority

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