



City of Winter Garden

Manufactured Homes and Campground Hurricane Message

Florida is particularly susceptible to hurricanes making Winter Garden vulnerable to hurricane damage. Hurricanes which have moved through Winter Garden in the past have caused moderate tree damage, structural damage, localized flooding, and significant power outages.

Wind damage from a hurricane is related to wind speed and the accompanying pressure that is exerted on structures. Wind damage is also caused by hurricane-spawned tornadoes. These tornadoes often form on the leading edge of a hurricane and can be more destructive than the hurricane itself. All of Winter Garden is vulnerable to damage from hurricane force winds and tornadoes.

The greatest threat from high winds would be to manufactured housing and structurally unsound buildings. Regulations require anchoring systems for manufactured housing. While these anchoring systems may withstand wind velocities in excess of 70 miles per hour, significant damage can still occur.

This is why the City of Winter Garden's directive to ALL residents in manufactured homes, non-study structures, or motorhomes is to leave these structures and evacuate to a more substantial structure when a hurricane threatens the City.

Hurricane produced flooding would also present problems in low-lying areas of Winter Garden.

The City of Winter Garden will make every effort to keep its residents informed about available shelters. However, shelters (regular, pet friendly, and those for special medical needs) as well as their locations are determined by the Orange County Office of Emergency Management. Up to date information from Orange County may also be obtained by calling their 311 information line.

Note: All evacuation efforts will be suspended once local wind speeds reach 40 mph. Additionally, emergency vehicles (Police, Fire, and Ambulances) cannot respond to 911 calls once winds speeds reach 50 mph.

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