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# Disaster Preparedness and Community Security

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*Editor's Note: Prepare now for natural disasters by checking that the information provided by several service providers has been included in your preparedness plan. Also incorporate the following advice to make your community safer and more secure both physically and financially.*



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## Early Hurricane Preparation Key During Inflation Cycle

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This year, we are encouraging community managers and board members to get even more of a head start on hurricane preparation than usual as inflation is driving up costs for everything from individual food items to gasoline

and generators. Hurricane preparedness is not a good place to cut corners because of costs.

Now is the time to review budgets and update the costs of all necessary equipment and supplies and determine whether your association needs to fund reserves or boost existing reserves. Beyond inflation, reserve funding might be required to cover insurance deductibles or storm-related repairs. Other important items for the hurricane season checklist include confirming the availability of key vendors, establishing a strong communication plan, reviewing existing insurance policies and coverage, and taking photos and videos of common areas.

This year, especially, the failure to be proactive with hurricane preparation could be extremely costly—literally and figuratively.

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