## THINGS TO CONSIDER PRIOR TO HEADING NORTH

- Notify the office of your departure date and verify your Northern address and phone number.
- Notify the office of the name of your lawn care person mowing and weeding.
- Leave your e-mail contact information in the office so that you will receive all mass emails.
- It is wise to leave a key with a neighbor who remains all year or the office in case of emergencies. Notify the office of who has a key.
- Sign up for the Tamiami Village and RV Park Emergency page on Facebook to stay informed about urgent events.
- Sign up for the TVCA Events and Information page on Facebook to be current on happenings.
- You may contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office to be placed on a list of perimeter home checks done by Community Volunteers (formerly VOICE).
- Clean out your refrigerator electricity is lost frequently during the summer storms.
- Remove all outside items furniture, plants, decorative figurines etc. which will become flying debris during our wind/rainstorms.
- Lower flagpoles and remove all flags.
- Secure your awnings.
- Turn off the water to your home from your turn off valve. DO NOT turn off water at the street using the NI FLORIDA shut off valve. When water is turned off be sure to turn off the breaker for your hot water heater.
- Unplug electronics to prevent power surges with the many electric interruptions during storms.
- Stop newspaper/mail deliveries.
- Verify with your air conditioning maintenance person how you should set the temperature and or humidistat for the most efficient operation during your absence.
- It is suggested that you open all interior doors and drawers so that air circulates properly through the home; saving on AC.
- Close blinds to keep out direct sunlight.
- Clean out gutters to facilitate water flow during summer rains.
- Secure golf carts/bicycles.
- Many residents choose to leave the "damp rid" bags to absorb the humidity. Others put aluminum pans filled with charcoal in each room to absorb the humidity. Others place softener sheets in drawers and closets.