

## ***Hey All CWA 3108 Members!!!!***

As we all prepare to batten down for Hurricane Irma, please know that our President Steve Wisniewski is working hard with management for all companies to try and keep all our workers safe and allow them appropriate time to go home and tend to their own families.

Below are a few hints to prepare for the storm should it hit us. For most of us we have been through it before but it never hurts to recount what we should have.

In preparation for Hurricane Irma, it is time to start bringing things that are usually placed outside, like lawn furniture and tools, inside.

Residents should also be aware of any dead or dying trees and are urged to cut them down before the storm.

To prepare, residents are advised to clear gutters of leaves, sticks and needles so water can drain from the eaves and down spouts.

Tree limbs hanging over a roof, even small ones, should be cut back.

Officials warn that any piece of wood or tree limbs near a home can go through a window or rub against shingles and shorten the life of a roof.

Garbage cans and outdoor furniture can also be picked up by wind gusts.

Special efforts are underway to reduce the threat of flooding in Central Florida roads.

**ORLANDO, Fla.** - As Hurricane Irma increases in power as it slowly moves toward the mainland, experts say Central Florida residents in the potential path of the storm should be prepared for whatever may happen.

### **The following are the things every hurricane preparation kit should have:**

Three to five days worth of non-perishable food and enough pet food to last at least a week.

A basic tool kit containing hammers, nails, screwdrivers, duct tape and a wrench or pliers.

Enough baby supplies, including diapers, wipes, formula and medicine, to last up to a week.

Waterproof materials such as tarps or heavy-duty trash bags.

A blanket or sleeping bag, in case you need to evacuate.

A fully-stocked first-aid kit for you, your family and your pets.

At least a week's worth of prescriptions and over-the-counter medicine.

A gallon of water per person per day for three to five days.

Non-electronic entertainment, such as board games or books.

Extra cash in case credit or debit card systems go down.

Durable clothing, including rain gear.

VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION NEWS IF WE LOSE CELL TOWERS.

Download the app Zello now. You can use it in the event of an emergency like a walkie talkie. Many people used it in Houston and were rescued because of it. Spread the word.

I have read reviews on this and they are fantastic, one person said it was integral to the Cajun Navy in Houston for them to communicate rescuing people. I just downloaded it, it took about 30 seconds and it is really cool, works just like a real walkie-talkie. After it is downloaded it will ask you if you want to test the app, click yes. At that point the walkie-talkie part will show up and you will have a red circle in the middle of the screen, press down on that Circle and hold it until it turns green and start talking, when you are done talking stop pressing, kind of like a real walkie talkies with buttons on the side. Very, very cool app!! DOWNLOAD ZELLO APP NOW! I just downloaded it so we will see.

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Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida 407 295-5009.

Coalition for the Homeless Coalition for the Homeless 407 426-1250

### **SALVATION ARMY**

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### **SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

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## HOW CAN I HELP DURING AND AFTER THE STORM?

Go to your local Salvation Army or Second Harvest Food Bank with these items in order to offer relief after a natural disaster.

### TYPES OF GOODS NEEDED:

#### Basic Categories:

Canned Goods  
Personal Care  
First Aid Supplies  
Dry Goods

Cleaning Supplies  
Bottled Goods  
Paper Goods  
Water & Ice

Cooking items  
Charcoal/Sterno  
Flashlights/Batteries  
Infant Care items

#### Level 1 Priority (in addition to basic categories)

Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Canned Meats  
Diapers  
Bleach

Assorted drinks  
Cereal  
Canned Fruits & Veggies  
Baby Formula & Food  
Cleaning supplies

Cooking items  
Paper Goods  
Bread  
Snacks

#### Level 2 Priority (in addition to other categories)

Cookies & Crackers  
Instant Coffee/Drinks  
Tea Bags  
Shampoo

Toilet Paper  
Toothpaste & Brushes  
Soap  
Candy

Feminine Hygiene  
Non-perishable milk  
Deodorant  
Staples (sugar, salt)

#### Hurricane Shelters 101

- Usually schools or other solidly constructed buildings that provide a large, safe area
- Should always be considered a last resort if relatives or friends aren't available
- Tend to lack many comforts such as bedding, pillows and food - so bring your own
- Space can be limited: Leave ASAP if your home is vulnerable and under evacuation order
- Locations can change from year to year - keep informed through television, radio and the Internet
- Be prepared to live with strangers in close quarters for the duration of the storm
- Daycare is not provided - supervise your children

#### What to Bring

- Water
- Food
- Clothing and bedding
- Personal items
- Medications
- First-aid supplies
- Important papers
- Miscellaneous items like games, toys, battery powered radios, flashlights, batteries

#### Have a Pet

- Do not leave your pet behind
- Find a pet-friendly relative or friend's house out of evacuation area
- Stay at a pet-friendly motel or hotel
- Last resort: Find a pet-friendly emergency shelter
- Local kennels and vet's offices may not be the best places to house pet because their buildings might not be built to withstand hurricane force winds either

#### Other Tips

- Be ready to set up a home away from home
- Take a shower and eat before leaving home
- Register immediately upon entering the shelter
- Obey shelter rules

Everyone be safe and keep in touch.

In Unity

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