

NEWS



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We've had some wild weather in Orange County this summer – hail storms, a tornado, an earthquake, and now Hurricane Irene, the first hurricane since 2008 projected to make a U.S. landfall, is heading right for the east coast. Whatever extreme weather is heading our way, it's good to have some plans and provisions in place before you need them – regardless of the time of year.

Orange County Commissioner of Emergency Services, Walt Koury, asked me to share with you this list from the American Red Cross for preparing your emergency supplies:

- Water - at least a 3 day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food - at least a 3 day supply of non-perishable, easy to prepare food
- Flashlight and plenty of batteries
- Battery powered or hand crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- First aid kit, as well as medications (7 day supply), and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies). Keep these dry and safe in a zipper-style plastic bag
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information. Establish a point person to contact outside of the affected area in the event you become separated.
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers) and pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl), as applicable
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes or boots, rain gear or snow gear, depending on season
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera for photos of damage

For up to date information in the event of a storm, natural disaster, or other emergency, sign on to www.nyalert.gov. You can have alerts sent to your email or smart phone. Also consider becoming a fan of Emergency Management's Facebook page [OrangeCounty EmergencyManagement](#).

Until next week, stay safe and dry ...

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