

Summer
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Deerwood News

Celebrating 40 Years of Community!

Hurricane Preparedness

The best time to prepare is before hurricane season begins. Avoid having to rush through potentially life saving preparations by waiting until it is too late.

Get your disaster supplies while the shelves are stocked.

Remember to check your home insurance and have a check-up early as flood insurance requires a 30 day waiting period.

Focus on potential impact regardless of storm size or category. Do not focus on specific storm categories, all hurricanes and tropical storms can bring life threatening storm surge, inland flooding and damaging winds.

The storm scale only tells you about the strongest winds near the center of the storm and does not tell you about the potentially life threatening flooding from the storm and surges.

Before the Storm

Outside your Home:

Cover or brace all windows and door openings

Disconnect propane gas at the tank
Secure barbecue grill and propane tank

Swimming Pools:

Drain pool 6-12 inches to allow for possible heavy rainfall

Shock the pool by adding extra chlorine

Inside Your Home:

Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting

Freeze water in empty plastic jugs to help keep freezer cold

Stock up on bottled water

Fill bathtub with water for non-drinking use

Prepare safe room. Stock it with radio, batteries, flashlight, sleeping bags, snacks and water

Place valuables and personal papers in waterproof containers or zip lock bags.
Secure medications in waterproof containers also.

Prepare Your Yard

Trim your trees and branches that could hit your home in a storm. Trim out vegetation to lessen wind resistance. Place tree trimmings at the curb on collection day. Clear your yard and property of any bulky waste items early, hurricane season.

Secure lawn and pool furniture

Include outdoor grill and other patio items

Remember hanging items around pool and patio

After storm passes

Keep household garbage separate from other waste material

Place small debris, loose items and household refuse in garbage cans or tied plastic bags

Keep debris away from fences, mailboxes, power poles, transformers and any downed electric wires.

Disaster Kit for Your Home

Should include:

First aid kit and essential medications

Canned food and can opener

At least seven gallons of water per person

Protective clothing, rainwear, and bedding

Battery powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries

Know Common Terms

Hurricane Watch means hurricane conditions are possible somewhere within the watch area, with tropical storm force winds beginning within the next 48 hours.

Hurricane Warning means hurricane conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area, with tropical storm force winds beginning within 36 hours.

Tropical Storm Watch means tropical storm conditions are possible within the next 48 hours.

Tornado Watch means a tornado is possible in the area while a Tornado Warning means a tornado is happening.

Phone Numbers

Orange County 407-836-3111

**Sheriff non-emergency number:
407-836-4357**

**Red Cross Orange County
407-894-4141**

**SPCA Central Florida
407-351-7722**

**Animal Control Orange County
407-836-3111**

Hurricane Supply List

Prescription medicine
Camera and film
Books, magazines and games
Ice chest and Ice
Disposable plates, glasses and utensils
Manual Can opener
Battery operated radio
Spare Batteries, flashlights or lantern
Toilet paper / Paper towels
Diapers and wipes
Baby Food and formula
First aid kit
Duct or masking tape
Nails, rope, lumber, tools
Plastic garbage bags
Insect repellent, sunscreen
Disinfectant
Soap and detergent
Bleach for sterilization
Tincture of iodine or water purification tablets
Fire Extinguisher

Hurricane Supply List

Rain Gear
Fuel for generator and cars
Propane gas for grills
Charcoal and lighter fluid
Waterproof matches and sterno
Cash – ATMs may not work after storm
Non-perishable food
Powdered milk
Canned meat, fish, tuna
Dried foods spaghetti, rice
Canned soup, chili
Dried fruit and nuts
Dry cereal
Crackers and cookies
Coffee and tea
Peanut butter and Jelly
Pudding, jello
Pet food and medications
Roofing Tarps
Extension strips and power cords (for generator use)
Chain saw and extra blades

Message from the President

We're almost halfway through the 2023 year and the rainy season is upon us. Be sure to adjust your sprinkler watering schedules, to accommodate our rainy days. Work should be starting soon on the embankment near our entrance, I would like to ask for calm and patients during the work. I am still doing research on possible options for a neighborhood-centric battery recycling program. If anyone is interested in supporting the effort, please reach out to me.

Thank You Neighbors,
Joseph Armbruster

Current Board of Directors

The following is a list of the current board of directors.

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Chris Black

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Paul Verrocchi

Members

Noel Campbell
Clare Walters
Pat Ward

Crime Information

Orange County Sherriff's Office department maintains a website for citizens to keep abreast of crime in Orange County. The website is:

<https://www.ocso.com/en-us/Crime-Information>

The zone for our area is 20A

Parking and Sidewalks

Please do not park vehicles across sidewalks. Those with disabilities or walking/strolling young children may have difficulty maneuvering around vehicles. Additionally, parking across the sidewalks also violates our Deeded Restrictions and is an Orange County parking violation. Thanks for your consideration.



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