

## News Release

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### **Be prepared for Hurricane Irene - Paul Davis offers tips to keep families safe**

Jacksonville, Fla. – August 27, 2011 - With the arrival of Hurricane Irene, the Atlantic basin is beginning to face a busy storm and hurricane season. There is an estimated 12 to 18 storms that will be named this year including six to 10 that will become hurricanes. As a public service, Paul Davis Restoration, a leading provider of fire and water damage clean up and restoration services for residential and commercial properties, is offering these tips to help keep families safe.

According to Tim Robinson, Paul Davis Restoration Inc.'s President, even though the likelihood of being affected by Hurricane Irene may vary, it reminds us of the importance of being prepared and not waiting to the last minute to make plans. Hurricane preparedness includes putting together an Emergency Ready Kit and getting a plan in place so you and your family stay safe during a storm.

Below are items that should be included in an Emergency Ready Kit:

- Water – one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Clothing - A change of clothing depending on the climate and a sleeping bag for each person
- Filter mask - to cover mouth and nose with 2-3 layers of a cotton T-shirt, towels or filter mask
- Duct tape, heavy weight garbage bags, plastic sheeting – to protect against debris and toxins
- Battery-powered or hand crank commercial radio, a NOAA Weather Radio, extra batteries
- Cell Phone and charger
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit – sterile gloves; adhesive bandages; antibiotic ointment; gauze pads; iodine/alcohol pads; adhesive medical tape; pain reliever; emergency Mylar blanket; thermometer; prescription medications, and prescribed medical supplies.
- Waterproof, portable containers - for documents like IDs, insurance policies, bank account records, site maps, employee contact, computer backup files, emergency and law enforcement, and other priority documents. Store a second set of records at an off-site location.
- Put together a survival and evacuation route plan for your family and go over it with them

Hurricane season preparation:

- Know your evacuation routes.
- Have your “Emergency Ready Kit” accessible to include proper items, supplies and first aid kit.
- Have a plan for your family and make sure everyone knows what to do in the event of a storm.

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When a hurricane watch or warning is issued:

- Leave low lying areas.
- Protect windows with plywood boards or storm shutters.
- Secure outside objects.
- Make sure you have plenty of fuel and water for several days.
- Evacuate if instructed to leave.
- Be ready to put your plan and preparation to action.
- Pay attention to local weather reports on radio, TV or the Internet.
- Make sure all your tools, supplies, first aid, food, fuel and personal items are ready for use.

What to do during the storm:

- Stay in a secure room and away from windows.
- Don't use the telephone or candles.
- Monitor weather and civic service bulletins on regular or NOAA weather radio.
- Have supplies on hand.
- Remain indoors when the eye of the hurricane moves over your area, the storm will resume shortly.

What to do after the storm:

- Make sure everyone is safe and accounted for.
- Monitor the radio for information from emergency management.
- Before venturing outside, ensure the storm has completely passed.
- Report downed power lines and stay away from them.

If you experience property damage after a storm or hurricane, Robinson recommends contacting a restoration professional that specializes in water damage clean up and restoration with technicians who are certified from the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification. Call 904.737.2779 or visit the website at [www.pdrestoration.com](http://www.pdrestoration.com).

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