

Hi Neighbors,

Here are a few hints to keep you safe with expected storms that may come our way.

WIND: remove all loose items around the outside of your home.

Tables, chairs, flower pots, garden tools, shed doors, kids toys, branches & coconuts.

These items can do damage to your and your neighbors homes.

LOSS of POWER: turn off & un plug all unneeded appliances that lightning or power surges could damage.

If we loose power for an extended time cell phones may not work, due to the battery back up at the cell towers.

Have a plan, talk to friends & family before the storm. Let them know if they can't reach you, not to panic. Give them

your Disaster Plan. Share your the location of your local shelters that you may need to go to.

DON'T TIE UP THE PHONE LINES.

VEHICLES: Fill them up with gas. You may need to evacuate or use them as a safe dry place. Avoid parking them under large trees.

You may want to think about parking them away from your home to avoid large falling trees. Don't drive over fast moving water.

WATER: No Power No running water. Drinking, flushing, washing. Those of us lucky enough to have catchments should have plenty.

Those who don't, fill garbage cans for flushing, fill bottles, pots and any clean container for drinking water.

FOOD: Non Refrigerated foods such as canned, jarred, or dry in air tight containers, to last several days. (Don't forget about a manual can opener) Remember FIDO.

(if you have a outdoor cooker, fill those tanks or buy charcoal & matches)

DOCUMENTS: Keep important documents in a water tight container that you can take with you if needed. Don't forgot your prescriptions.

TAKE PHOTOS: take photos of your house and house hold items. Email them to yourself. Even if you loose your computer the photos will be safe in cyberspace when needed for insurance or ID later. Don't forget to take photos of your family & pets too.

PETS: Secure them in a safe place, best is inside with you. They often get frightened and run. Make sure they have ID collars on or micro chip info is with you.

Know which shelters take pets.

Helpful tools that may be need after the storm: Chainsaws, safety glasses, shovels, work gloves, tarps, rope, plastic garbage bags, duct tape, radios, flashlights.

First aid stuff. Dry blankets, towels, paper and pens. matches or lighter & candles.

Coordinate with your neighbors to help each other if needed.

Be Safe. Don't panic, Let us hope we don't need any of the above.

Most of all have ALOHA with others. We are all in this "canoe" together.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
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**LIST OF DESIGNATED SHELTERS HAWAII COUNTY
FOR HURRICANE ISELLE**

**Laupahoehoe School
Kohala High & Elementary
Kealakehe High (pet friendly)
Konawaena High (pet friendly)
Hilo High (pet friendly)
Waiakea High (pet friendly)
Keaau High (pet friendly)
Pahoa High & Intermediate (pet friendly)
Honokaa High & Intermediate (pet friendly)
Kau High (pet friendly)
Waikoloa Elementary**