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In the event of a storm...

heed all official warnings.

Be Safe. Stay Safe.

DON'T take unnecessary risks.

Wait for the All Clear,

before venturing out from safety.

NB. This document is for general information purposes only and is meant as an incentive to the reader, who should then research and seek advice from appropriate National Emergency Management Organization professionals, to confirm that the recommendations expressed are in alignment with the standards and directives of their territory, which may vary from time to time.

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We are full of understanding when it come to storms.

We track potential disasters on our phones and tablets using Weather Centre apps and have our favorite personality weather reporters on TV.

Local newspapers have printed weather tracker maps for many years.

However, with the incidence and magnitude of our recent storms, it's no longer just a season.

It's only common sense to ‘up our game’ in practical terms, to meet the potential of these new forces of nature.

Always time to be smart about safety, now we must be as proactive as possible to protect our families and property.

There are three distinctive phases of critical consideration; before, during and after the storm.

Time to make a plan for and with your family so everyone is on the same page.

Storms reduce mobility, communication and are life threatening. Families are often in many different locations, on a daily basis.

Rule of thumb

Where ever possible, at the earliest warning of impending bad weather, bring everyone together, preferably at the family home (with designated safe spaces in the event of major damage). If that’s not possible, always have a prearranged plan B location.

Organize important items and information

In these data driven, security conscious days, we accumulate so many items of critical importance such as bank and insurance documents, keys, prized possessions, computers, phones, medical devices and so many things that we generally take for granted.

We even have technology to find them when they are misplaced!

In the few hours of bad weather that will forever alter our lives, these items will be critical to our reinvention.

Begin the process of collecting these necessities in one place, in a weather/ water resistant, easily movable container.

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Stocking up

Food, water, light, fuel, health and communication will be critical to our survival during and after the bad weather, so stock up on the following:

- Nutritious non refrigerated, tinned and dried foods.
- Store plenty of drinking water in bottles and washing water in rain barrels.
- A kitchen water filter system/ water purification tablets.
- Extra cooking gas.
- Coal pot or barbecue grill and coals.
- Radio, torches, lanterns and batteries.
- Portable USB battery charger for mobile phones.
- All necessary medication and first aid supplies.
- Solar emergency power source, or devices with built in solar capability.
- Make provision for your pets - Tinned or dried food, dry bedding, litter, carry basket, a good leash.
- Remember, what scares you, will terrify them, so be extra caring.

Go Bag

Create a GO BAG for each family member containing practical changes of warm clothing which are easily washed and dried with weather proof shoes, coat and hat.

Include personal items such as penlight torches, chargers, small games and favorite books or toys.

It may be a while before services are restored, so consider things which will occupy this time.

This is not a cosmetic exercise or a rehearsal for an unlikely event.

It is often simply the lifeline between disaster and survival. Our technology is great, but nature is greater.

We are now sharing the burden of global warming and poor global environmental awareness.

So let us be proactive and do as much as we can to ensure our safety, while removing the possibility of becoming part of an accumulated problem during and after natural disasters.

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Now focus on your home

With your family plan and supplies in place, turn your focus to your home.

Your location, access, house materials, building condition and drainage should influence all protection and survival plans.

- If you are in an area prone to puddling or flooding, your drains and runoffs must be clear from obstructions at all times.
- Review where flood water comes from.
- Try to reroute or deepen drains, to slow and change the direction of flow, away from you home.
- Always be aware of your neighbours in the changes you make. Enlist their involvement to the benefit of all.
- Check your roof for weaknesses, enlist the services of roofing contractors and update or strengthen all roof sheets where necessary.
- Check your gutters and downpipes for obstructions.
- If possible, make sure you have tools on hand, which relate to your capabilities and understanding of tasks which you may encounter, after the storm. eg. hammer, saw, screw drivers, spanner, crow bar, etc.
- If this is not possible, connect with a reliable neighbour, friend or relative who may be able to promptly assist you.

Rule of thumb

Roofs, gutters, downpipes, runoffs and drains are designed to carry and keep water away from us.

If you control water you reduce risk.

Steel roofs, doors shutters and walls are to protect us from the elements.

If these are secured with locks, screws, nails, straps or bars, tightened to refusal, or firmly strengthened by steel and concrete, our security is vastly increased.

Once you have made your assessment

make a short list of additions, or changes and have a cost out the work to be done, call our knowledgeable sales department at ECMIL.

Buying from a manufacturer will make a significant saving on your materials and in many cases may make the work even possible.

Your sales representative will guide you through the ordering process and provide, often much needed advice to help you make the right choices for your project.

Our products are reliable, durable and trusted by Caribbean construction companies and individuals across our region for over 40 years.

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