

Safety & Environmental News

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POST HURRICANE CLEAN UP

Hurricane season is not over yet—in fact it doesn't end until November 30. But the aftermath of Irene and other tropical storms can leave plenty of cleanup work to do at our homes and at work.

The Wallops community as a whole escaped many of the trials that others experienced due to the decrease in strength of Hurricane Irene as she crossed the Delmarva peninsula; and while Hurricane Irene is behind us, many of us may still be hard at work cleaning up the debris left behind. Between the power outages, missing roof shingles, and fallen trees, knowing where to start can be overwhelming. Listed are a few tips that can help us safely clean up after a major weather event:

Survey the damage - It is always important to go outside and check for any damage to your home due to the fierce rain and wind; Inspect the roof for lifted and missing shingles; siding and windows are other areas that could have been damaged and would need to be checked out.

Be Familiar with Your Fire and Insurance Policy- Be sure you understand what is covered in your home owner's policy, and after the storm assess whether a claim is needed.

Safely Clean Up Yard Debris - When there are lots of trees downed there is a lot of debris to be cleaned up and cleared away. Be mindful that broken glass, nails, and other sharp objects may be hidden in the debris. Remember to use gloves, and protective eyewear where appropriate. It is also important to keep children away from the clean up.

Report any Downed Wires - Report any downed wires to your electric company, and never touch a downed wire.

Family and Neighbors - Be sure to check on your family and neighbors to ensure they are OK.

Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation, extra water for pets
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, and food for pets
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- Important family documents such as copies of Insurance policies, bank account records, and identification in a waterproof portable container or bag
- First Aid kit, Prescription medications, Infant formula & diapers
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, paper towels,
- Cell Phones with chargers
- Can Opener, eating utensils,

"At the End of the Day, the Goal is Simply Safety"

[SAFETY MEETINGS SCHEDULE](#)

Executive Safety & Health Council Meetings

Held 2nd Thursday of each month.

Where: Bldg. F-6, Room 201

Time: 9:00

Employee Safety Council Meetings

Held 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Where: Bldg. E-109, Room 107

Time: 1:00

Contractor Safety Council Meetings

Held 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Where: Bldg. E-109, Room 107

Time: 10:00

Got a Safety Question?

Open any browser and type the word Safety into the URL box, and hit enter.

Safety Editor, Olive Finney

"No Accident Today"



Single Stream Recycling Made Easy

Each building now has a recycling station in their hallway, copy room, or kitchen. Your recycling station includes a blue plastic bin and a white box.

Please place in the white box:

- White and colored paper
- Magazines, catalogues, newspapers, mail, phone books
- Flattened paperboard — cereal boxes, cracker boxes, fed-ex boxes
- Soft cover books or hardcover books, with their covers removed
- Flattened small cardboard boxes
- Flattened large cardboard boxes can be placed in or behind the white boxes

Please place in the blue bins:

- Rinsed #1 and #2 plastic and glass food containers
- Rinsed metal food cans
- Any of the above items, if the white box is full

Recycling containers will be emptied weekly. If you have questions or need your container emptied, contact Freda Johnson at 1466 or Freda.W.Johnson@nasa.gov



Recycling Station

Wondering Why WFF Switched to Single Stream?

First- It's easier!

All recycleables can now be placed in one container.

Second - Executive Order 13514

On October 9, 2009, President Obama signed Executive Order (EO) 13514 entitled, *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance*, strengthening many of the environmental performance areas by which federal agencies are measured. One of these areas is diverting non-hazardous materials from the landfill. The EO states that federal agencies are required to divert 50 percent of these materials by the year 2015. Recycling is one method of diverting.