

Being prepared means more than just stocking batteries and water

With the 2007 Atlantic hurricane season officially underway, now is the time to ensure you have the provisions needed to keep you, your family and your property as safe and secure as possible. Take advantage of storm downtime to ensure in advance you are fully, not partially, prepared for hurricanes.

Last year, hurricanes wreaked \$183 million in damages and claimed many lives. Hurricanes can and do have a very real and decidedly negative impact on our life - even for those living miles inland.

With this in mind, it's imperative those in "at-risk" areas do not get complacent and cover just the bare necessities like batteries and canned goods. Don't wait until a storm is impending to seek out the provisions you need.

CableOrganizer.com offers these "next level" hurricane preparedness tips:

*** **Case Study.** To safeguard important documents, data, and valuables, seek watertight, dust proof, chemical resistant, and corrosion proof storage containers. Many sturdy cases are on the market, including the popular Pelican Protector Case™ that is made of Ultra High Impact structural copolymer, making it particularly strong and durable.

*** **Gear Fear.** Sensitive computer or other equipment can be packed into copolymer protector cases in high density foam or padded dividers that will shield against impact, shock or vibration. Easy-to-open ABS latches seal these cases tightly, which can also include an automatic purge valve for atmospheric pressure equalization to ensure even the most sensitive equipment remains safe.

*** **Achieve Lift-Off.** With a hurricane comes water, which all too often seeps indoors creating a flood situation. In a flood, cables, power adapters, power strips, hubs, modems and other small devices are at great risk. Readily lift these items off the floor and put safely out of harm's way

*** **Get Attached.** Assure bookshelves and cabinets over 5 feet in height, particularly those that are top-heavy, are secured to the wall with the appropriate mount or fastener to ensure they do not fall over during the chaos of a hurricane. If not secured, such bookshelves and cabinets can topple and not only damage whatever it contained, but also deliver a crushing blow to whoever may be on the receiving end.

*** **Take the Edge Off.** Ensure you have corrugated cardboard and heavy-duty tape on hand to wrap anything that breaks during a storm and creates a sharp edge, such as broken/cracked glass, brittle plastic casings or other materials that may break and produce a sharp or rough edge. Doing so will protect yourself and others from accidental lacerations, which can be dire when seeking medical attention is not an immediate possibility.

