

# Coconut Telegraph Redneck Hurricane Preparedness Guide

With Hurricane Irene's threat to the Keys last month, I thought it would be a good idea to remind our readers that you need to be prepared for these types of predicaments. One group of people who seem to have survival down is the Rednecks.

Immediately after an emergency, and you have seen this time and time again, the first people to be up and rescuing others are the Rednecks. It's not the Harvard MBAs that are pulling people out of flooded homes with Jon boats. It's the Rednecks. It's not a group of accountants sitting in a fancy, air-conditioned, italian-marbled-floored, mahogany-paneled office used for high-powered lunches who are persevering through the aftermath.

When the #@!t hits the fan a Redneck will always come out on top. What is their secret? Preparedness. And this is how they do it:

- **Booze:** Hide the Budweiser and have a couple cans of Milwaukee's Best to share or barter with the neighbors. If you are too drunk to walk then take a kayak and float through the disaster zones.
- **Food:** Always have a supply of Slim Jims (if you want to live large get some mustard for dipping), beef jerky, and pork

rinds. These fancy delicacies won't go bad without refrigeration, you just have to be careful the dogs don't get into your stash.

- **Boat:** A true Redneck keeps a boat in his yard for years without ever using it once. That's because it is for emergency purposes. I highly recommend a two-stroke motor



that will always start after it's kicked a few times. A Johnson motor is preferred because, you know the joke, your Johnson never gets old. In the rare instance that kicking the motor doesn't work, call Louie at Dockside Services, he can fix anything.

- **Pickup Truck:** When a hurricane hits, it's certain that a Redneck in a Ford F-150, held together with Bondo and duct tape, will be pulling your Lexus or shiny Land Rover out

of that ditch.

- **Dog:** Use to determine if something is edible or not.
- **Flashlight:** A good Redneck family always has at least one flashlight handy because they use it to find the bathroom at night. During a storm it just comes in extra handy.
- **Radio with Powerful Speakers:** This is can be used

supplies can run short but a Redneck knows that with the proper ammunition crocodile is always on the menu.

To scare off looters consider installing a Redneck home security system. Here is how to do it:

1. Buy a pair of size 14-16 work boots.
2. Put them on the front porch with a copy of your most recent assault charge.
3. Put some giant dog dishes next to the boots and court papers.
4. Leave this note on your door: "Jake and Buster: I went to Kiffney's for more ammo & the Whistle Stop for booze. Back soon. Don't mess with the pit bulls; they messed the mailman up bad. I don't think Satan took part; hard to tell from all the blood. I locked all four of 'em in the house. Better wait outside. Be right back."

In case you have a shortage of Rednecks in your area, prepare yourself and follow these guidelines. Don't expect FEMA to be able to get to you or provide for you.

Last but not least organize a hurricane party. Meet me at the Big Chill or Cactus Jack's where we'll have a good view of the storm.

Thanks to Daryl Smallwood for helping with this article.


to drown out the wife, kids, mother-in-law, your sister-in-law Crystal, your sister Crystal, cousin Crystal, and your neighbor Crystal and her daughter little Crystal. We recommend you tune into WORZ Ocean Reef Radio at 104.3.

- **Guns and Ammo:** A Redneck's neighbors know all looters will be shot on sight, and their loved ones' watches and rings can be bought back at the local pawnshop. Also, after a storm,


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