

After a hurricane...

In your home

Be sure electrical appliances—and the areas around them—are completely dry before attempting to plug, unplug, move or operate them. If still unsure, contact a technician to inspect for damage.

Check for food spoilage. Food that has warmed to room temperature probably is unsafe to eat. When in doubt, throw it out.

Power lines and utility poles

When lines from utility poles are on the ground, assume they are dangerous. Don't touch them. If someone is touching a line, don't try to rescue them yourself and risk becoming a victim; get help immediately by calling 911 or KIUC at 808.246.4300.

Beware, a fence or guardrail can be energized for 1,000 yards if it is touching a downed power line. If a power line falls on your car while you are in it, wait for help, if possible. If you must get out, jump free of the car so that your body clears the vehicle before touching the ground.

Using a generator

Before operating a generator, be sure your home is not connected to KIUC's system where electric lines feed into the meter. Turn off the main breaker to your home before operating a generator.

Have a qualified electrician install a special switch so power is properly supplied to the house without endangering family, neighbors and utility workers in the area.

If your generator is being used to power an individual appliance or piece of equipment, make sure it is connected directly to your generator. This keeps the power safely isolated from any other wiring in your building or beyond.

Follow the instruction manual to properly ground the generator. Make sure the generator location is properly ventilated to reduce the danger of fumes and overheating.

Minimize the noise impact as much as possible. Store reserve fuel in a safe place away from the generator.

A Storm Glossary

Hurricane—Hurricanes are intense, compact cyclones that form over warm, tropical waters. They are like giant whirlwinds, with air moving in a large, tightening spiral around a center of extreme low pressure. They pack winds from 74 to 200 mph. The storm affects the ocean surface and lower atmosphere over tens of thousands of square miles, causing strong winds, high surf, heavy rains and tornadoes.

Hurricane Watch—Hurricane force winds may occur within 48 hours.

Hurricane Warning—Dangerous conditions expected within 36 hours.

Tropical Depression—A storm with sustained winds of less than 39 mph.

Tropical Storm—A storm with sustained winds from 39 to 73 mph.



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Storm Sense

**A Practical Guide
to Emergency
Preparedness**

**When a Hurricane is
Forecast for Kaua'i**



Hurricane Preparation Checklist

- Trim trees around the home, especially those with weak limbs
- Know where all important documents are
- Be certain your survival kit is complete
- Have a carrier for each pet and maintain at least a one-week supply of pet food, cat litter, special medications and other necessary supplies
- Tie down or store all loose objects
- Remove and store lanai furniture
- Store all propane tanks
- Wrap cameras, computers, stereos, microwaves and other electronic equipment in waterproof sheeting
- Freeze water to fill up all available freezer space; in the event of a lengthy power outage, frozen foods will stay cold longer in a fully loaded freezer
- Fill up the gas tank of your car
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect bathtubs with bleach; fill with water
- Fill as many clean containers as possible with water (do not use milk containers; they have milk residue, which makes drinking water unpleasant)
- Line garbage cans with plastic trash bags and fill with water; this water can be used later for non-potable purposes such as flushing toilets

Before a hurricane...

Prepare

Don't wait until a warning is given to begin making your plans. Have your survival kit ready. Know where emergency shelters are located.

If you or a member of your family is receiving special medical treatment (such as dialysis or chemotherapy), know what the procedures are for emergency conditions. If you live in a flood zone or think your home won't withstand the force of a hurricane, have an evacuation plan ready before a hurricane warning is issued.

Before leaving home, turn off the electricity and gas. Take your survival kit; shelters do not provide food, bedding, water or other essential items.

Provide for your pet. Contact the Kaua'i Humane Society for information on people/pet sheltering.

Stay informed

When a hurricane watch or warning is declared, listen to the radio for further instructions. Kaua'i's Emergency Management Agency station is KQNG, 570 AM or 93.5 FM, but all island radio stations are in voluntary compliance.

KIUC will post updates on Facebook and be in contact with the radio stations to broadcast special advisories. Spectrum also broadcasts National Weather Service reports.

General emergency preparedness information can be found on the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency's website: www.kauai.gov/KEMA.

During a hurricane...

Before heavy winds begin, turn off all switches on your electric circuit panel (usually located inside the home or garage) and turn off the switch for your main breaker (usually located outside near your meter).

Once gale force winds are reached, KIUC will begin planned power interruptions to avoid damage to electrical equipment. Unplug electrical appliances and sensitive electrical equipments.

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as long as possible. Food may stay frozen in the refrigerator's freezer compartment for 12 to 48 hours, and up to 72 hours in a fully loaded separate freezer.

Do not be fooled by the calm sometimes experienced in the "eye" of a hurricane; stay indoors during and immediately after the storm.

Important Phone Numbers

KIUC	808.246.4300
Emergency police, fire, ambulance911
Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency ..	808.241.1800
American Red Cross	808.245.4919
Hawai'i Gas	808.245.3301
Dept. of Water Trouble Calls	808.245.5444
After Hours	808.241.1711
Hawaiian Telcom Repair Services611
Spectrum	808.643.2100
Kaua'i Humane Society	808.632.0610

Survival Kit

In the event of a long-term storm or power outage, everyone must take personal responsibility and have an action plan. To better cope without electricity, make sure your home and office are equipped with power outage kits. Include the following:

- Portable radio
- Extra batteries
- Flashlight(s) and candles
- Manual can opener
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- First aid kit, special medications and an extra pair of eyeglasses, if you wear them
- Individuals with special needs should plan ahead for their appropriate medical conditions
- 14-day supply of non-perishable, ready-to-eat food; an ice chest and blue-ice packs
- Containers of water (minimum 2 quarts per person per day)
- Change of clothing for each family member
- Matches or lighter
- Camp stove, lantern and fuel
- Masking tape for windows
- Personal hygiene, sanitary supplies, diapers
- Bleach
- Plastic sheeting and garbage bags

Check the condition of emergency equipment, such as flashlights and battery-powered radios. Each member of the family should know who to contact and where to meet in the event of an emergency.