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THE COUNTDOWN IS OVER ... A NEW YEAR IS HERE!

In this issue of Goodie Times, we are off to a good start this year preparing and repairing your home for any mishaps, or natural disasters that come along. Read on and learn about:

- Staying dry in this rainy season;
- How to prepare in case of an earthquake;
- Great tips on how to prepare your soil for Spring Planting;
- Goodie's Kid's Club Winter Workshops



6:45am-7:00pm

Saturday 7:15am -6:30pm Sunday 8:00am - 6:30pm



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STAY DRY, NOT SOGGY THIS RAINY SEASON

As the forecast for the next few months is predicting some heavy rains right up until it's time for spring planting, Goodman's has everything you need to deal with leak prevention, and flood prevention and control, with things like flood barriers, and shop vacuums and other tools to deal with the mess moving water and mud can cause around the interior of the house and landscape around the home.

Here are 11 tips on how to prepare your home for heavy rain and wind:



1) **Clean your gutter and downspouts.** It still not too late! When gutters and downspouts clog with leaves and debris, water overflows and spills down where it can damage walls and footings. If you are like many others in Marin where your home is beneath many trees, the smart thing to do was to clear the gutters at the beginning of the season and then again after the first rain to remove leaves and debris that washes down from the roof. However leaves on some trees have still been falling in January so you might not know it but your gutters may be clogged even if you already cleared them a couple of months ago.

2) **Repair gutters and downspouts.** Fix loose, sagging or leaking gutters and make sure downspouts carry drainage well away from the house.

3) **Check your roof, skylights and flashing.** The roof is the most obvious points of entry for rain and leaks can be messy and costly.



STAY DRY, NOT SOGGY (CONTINUED)

4) **Inspect the house siding.** Check for damage, cracks, and holes. Seal up leaks with paintable or clear caulk.

5) **Weatherstrip windows and doors** to seal out drafts and minimize heat loss.

6) **Need a sump pump?** If your basement or crawl space is susceptible to flooding, consider buying a sump pump. If your home already has one, be sure it is in good working order.

7) **Consider buying a generator.** In the event of a power outage, a portable emergency generator can provide enough power to keep a few important lights and appliances running.

8) **Cover and protect** outdoor furniture, barbecues, outdoor equipment and firewood with heavy tarps. Secure the tarps with ropes or heavy objects such as bricks.

9) **If your property is in danger of being flooded**, have materials such as sandbags or concrete edgings on hand to divert water to drainage areas.

10) **Have trees trimmed**, especially if they've become weakened by drought. When laden with rainwater, weak trees **can snap or become easily uprooted**.

11) **Be ready for the worst.** Assemble a disaster supply kit, and have it readily accessible. Scan and store important documents on thumb drives or hard drives located away from your home (or on the Cloud).



BE PREPARED TO SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

Are you ready for an earthquake, extended power outages or another type of natural disaster?

If you are not fully prepared it would seem a good time to talk about having an Emergency Preparedness Kit. You can start building your kit right now with assistance from one of our friendly customer service representatives. Or, you can call us at 415 388-6233 and we'll fax you an order form/checklist with current prices and you can fax in your order so when you stop in its ready and waiting.

BASE KIT

- Two 5-gallon buckets plastic re-sealable and lid
- 24-pack 5-gallon plastic bags
- Emergency radio/flashlight Heavy Duty LED flashlight(s)
- Leatherman Squirt all-purpose tool
- Two all weather blankets
- Duct Tape
- Wrench for gas shut-off
- First Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- All Purpose Scissors
- One Pair Heavy-Duty Gloves
- 10-roll Heavy Duty Plastic Garbage Bags
- Small Lantern
- One Package Emergency Candles
- Pick/Shovel
- Outdoor Can for Garbage Storage
- D size Batteries

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES RECOMMENDED FOR KITS

Mechanical can opener • Extra supply D batteries 8-pack • Generic bleach for water purification • Hammer with large nails • Waterproof matches sealed in a plastic bag • 4 rolls bathroom tissue sealed in a plastic bag • nylon cord • reflective mirror • whistle • HD poncho • sanitizing wipes • water purify tablets • water safe drinking test.

OTHER OPTIONAL ITEMS

Freedom flashlight • pry bar the wrecker 30" • zipper storage bags • hand warmers • toilet seat • alternate cooking source such as BBQ, and an axe.



READY AMERICA EMERGENCY KITS



ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES FOR KITS



LEATHERMAN SQUIRT ALL-PURPOSE TOOL



GET READY FOR SPRING PLANTING!

With all the rain we've had, things are really starting to bloom here in Marin County!

With the amount of water that has already soaked into the ground of your yards and gardens, the soil is perfect to prepare for planting.

But first you are going to want to take care of any weeds and anythign else that needs eradicated before properly preparing your soil.

Soil preparation is vital for several reasons. First, by loosening the soil, removing weeds, mulch, debris and anything else that is preventing your garden from having bare soil, helps to aerate the soil and improve drainage. This is important because plants and shrubs need air and water to grow, and if the soil is too compacted, it can impede growth.

Additionally, preparing the soil beforehand can help prevent future weed growth and improve the overall appearance of your garden. Whether you want a lavish home garden or you want something more low maintenance, soil preparation should always be one of the first things you do to guarantee your garden's health.

Once you've taken these initial steps in preparing your soil it's time to come to Goodman's because at Goodman's we have everything you need to complete your soil preparation.

Some landscape experts suggest testing your soil before further preparation to give you a good idea of what nutrients are already present in the soil and what might need to be added. Goodman's has

soil testing kits to determine the proper pH level of your soil and what nutrients might need to be added.

As Marin's first County Certified Green Hardware Store, a status we achieved almost 17 years ago, and with well over 6,000 Green Products and adding new ones all the time, we pride ourselves in the Organic solutions for your soil preparation.

All the rain has caused the earth to move and further movement likely lies ahead in February, and some properties have already experienced flooding and mudslides, particularly in Southern Marin. That's why we're offering you an option of planting in raised beds. With that in mind one of the soil products we highly recommend is Raised Bed & Potting Mix by G&B ORGANICS.





GET THE JOB DONE WITH MILWAUKEE®

With all this rain having you spend more time indoors, now is the perfect time to get all those home projects done before spring!

With our complete line of Milwaukee® products, we can help you get the jobs done. From power tools to hand tools, to tool boxers, saws, blades, fasteners and other accessories plus more, we've got the full line of Milwaukee® tools to help you with any job!

Two Milwaukee® products we're featuring this month are the:

- 1. Orbital detail sander; and,
- 2. Orbital hand sander

Also from Milwaukee® is a new Lineman's 4-in-1 hammer. It features both milled and smooth strike faces to complete all driving applications.

Need to work in dark places with little or no illumination? Goodman's has the answer in our Hardware Department with Headlight Glasses. They look like a regular pair of glasses only they are equipped with LED lighting and can fit comfortably over prescription glasses.



GOODIE'S

kid's Club





NEW YEAR = NEW FUN WITH GOODIES' KID'S CLUB IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS!

Join Goodie and team at one of their upcoming winter kid workshops to build and design stuff that can be used around the house.

Goodie's Kid's Club Spring Workshops are:



Saturday, March 10th, 2024 12:30PM-2:00PM

Build a Wooden Dump Truck



Saturday April 10th, 2024 12:30PM-2:00PM

Build a Birdhouse



GOODIE'S KID'S CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP!

Did you know that Goodie's Kid's Club has a private Facebook group? Well, we do!

Request to join and stay up to date with all the events, offers and fun for your little DIY'er!