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AFTER THE HURRICANE HAS PASSED



It is important to remember that once a Hurricane has passed, many dangers still exist. You must continue to remain alert at all times, carefully and promptly following directions from your Public Safety officials.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) offers these tips:

- If you have been evacuated, do not return to your home until you have been directed to do so by state or local officials.
- Keep tuned to local Media for information about such things as caring for your household, where to find medical help, and applying for financial assistance.
- Do not become a spectator. Unnecessary travel into the most impacted areas could hinder the efforts of Public Safety officials.
- Drive only when and where necessary. Streets may be filled with debris or flooded. Closed roads are for your protection, in that they may be flooded, weakened and could collapse.
- Upon returning, do not turn on any electronic equipment until the electricity has been safely restored.
- Be sure to check all electronic equipment for water damage. If you are uncertain, throw them away. It is better to be safe than risk electrocution.
- Watch for loose or dangling powerlines. Assume any downed wire is a live wire. Be careful for entangled wires when clearing fallen trees with a chainsaw.

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- If there is structural damage to your home or downed trees in the yard, use care.
- Open doors and windows to ventilate you home.
- Limit your use of the telephone, utilizing it only for emergency calls. If you need special help, call your local Emergency Management Office or Mass2-1-1, which is available 24/7 to respond to your questions. • Use bottled water until local officials have determined the safety of the water supply.
- Guard against spoiled food. If the power was disrupted, food in the refrigerator may have spoiled. Freezers can keep food for several days if unopened.
- Do not refreeze food once it begins to thaw.
- Safely use generators outdoors, in well-ventilated area. Ensure that they are installed properly.
- If there is property damage, contact your insurance agent as soon as possible.
- Take photographs or video of damage. Keep a detailed record of all cleanup costs.
- Do not turn your yard into a dump. Have debris hauled away before it causes additional health hazards. Yards that have been contaminated by flooded sewage systems should be disinfected by a liberal application of lime. Children and animals should be kept away from limed areas until the lime is no longer visible.
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- If your home, apartment or business has suffered damage, call your insurance company or agent who handles your flood insurance right away to file a claim. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP) through the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA). The NFIP makes flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce ordinances to reduce flood damage.
- Be a good neighbor. Make sure those around you are safe and have the help that they need.
- Be prepared for a rough time. Recovering from a hurricane is a big job. It is taxing on the body and spirit. The after-effects of this type of disaster on you and your family may last a long time. Consult a health professional on how to recognize and care for anxiety, stress and fatigue.
- Be patient, for there are probably many others with serious damage, as well.

Now comes the power restoration, the cleanup, the rebuilding, the mold crisis, the scam artists & the psychological scars

<http://www.fema.gov/>

Federal Aid Programs For State Of Connecticut Disaster Recovery

Release Date: September 3, 2011

Release Number: HQ-11-177Factsheet

» [More Information on Connecticut Tropical Storm Irene](#)

Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available *as needed and warranted* under President Obama's major disaster declaration issued for Connecticut.

Assistance for the State and Affected Local Governments Can Include as Required:

- Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas and similar publicly owned property, as well as certain private non-profit organizations engaged in community service activities. (*Source: FEMA funded, state administered.*)
- Payment of not more than 75 percent of the approved costs for hazard mitigation projects undertaken by state and local governments to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters. (*Source: FEMA funded, state administered.*)

How to Apply for Assistance:

- Application procedures for local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials. Approved public repair projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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Web site of the month: <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/after.shtm>



Recovering from Disaster – Hurricane Irene

HOORAY FOR FLORIDA - One down...49 to go!!!

It's the first state that is going to require drug testing for welfare recipients. At least to GET welfare! Hopefully, this will evolve into a program that requires the people to take a drug AND alcohol test every month to continue getting benefits.

Some people are crying that this is unconstitutional. How is this unconstitutional?

It's completely legal that every other working person has to pass a drug test in order to have a J-O-B, and the honor to work and pay taxes to support those on welfare!

Roofing Systems



The Dura Slate Roofing System not only replicates the classic look of natural slate, but adds character to any architectural style of home. Our exclusive Roytech compound, manufactured utilizing Royal's Dura™ Impact Modifier Technology and proprietary recycling process, produces a roofing system that installs as easily as conventional asphalt shingles without the added structural costs of real slate. Dura Slate is covered by our exclusive 50-year warranty.



Hail Impact Tested: DuraSlate tiles are subjected to simulated hail tests to ensure our tiles won't dent or chip. Homeowners may qualify for a reduction on their insurance premium of up to 40%.



Hot & Cold Weather Extremes: Royal roofing tiles are subjected to all-season temperature changes. These rigorous tests ensure your roofing tiles won't split or spall no matter what the season.



Wind-Driven Rain: In tests to simulate torrential rains and howling winds, roofing tiles remain secure while providing a watertight barrier of protection for your home.

FEATURES

BENEFITS

Manufactured with our proprietary Roytech Polymer Compound.

Durable: will not dent, split or corrode.

Superior structural integrity and impact resistance.

Virtually unbreakable and can be walked on to perform routine maintenance.

Color-through process; never needs painting.

Hides scratches; virtually maintenance-free.

Distinctive low gloss, variegated color and natural slate textures.

Enhances the curb appeal and architectural design of your home.

Lighter weight than slate or clay tiles.

No added structural costs for new construction projects, and perfect for any re-roofing application.

Features installation guides for exposure settings, nail holes and spacing.

No special tools required; can be cut with a common utility knife or circular/hand saw, or power nailed with standard 1.5" roofing nails.

Pre-formed ridge cap tiles

Improves weatherability and aesthetics.

Will not conduct electricity

Safer, no grounding required.

50-year limited warranty

Peace-of-mind protection for your home.

Profile

Specification

SLATE TILES

Pieces per bundle - 30
Approx weight/bundle - 42lbs/19kg
Product code - SLATETX

Available in all colors.

RIDGE CAP

Pieces per bundle - 30
Approx weight/bundle - 39lbs/17.7kg
Product code - SLATERC

Available in all colors.



Oxford Gray



Mulberry



Rustic Red



Mountain Black



Country Green

Color chips on-screen may not be an exact match to the actual product. Contact Royal Building Products for sample colors.



Warranty

The Dura Slate Comprehensive 50-Year Warranty not only provides homeowners with an extra measure of security, but adds value to your home.



DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES

DRS Extends Filing Deadline on Some State Business Taxes

For Immediate Release:

Monday, August 29, 2011

Hartford – Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) Commissioner Kevin B. Sullivan today announced that the filing deadline for filing certain business taxes will be extended to, September 7, 2011, to help taxpayers impacted by Hurricane and Tropical Storm Irene.

“The weekend’s tropical storm caused flooding and damage to several businesses and has created widespread and extended power outages throughout the state of Connecticut and the Northeast,” Commissioner Sullivan said. “As a result, some business owners or their preparers may be unable to meet the August 31 and September 1 filing deadline for several taxes that must be filed. By extending the deadline for these tax filings to September 7, we believe businesses should be able to meet their filing requirements and not incur penalties or interest.”

Commissioner Sullivan said filing extensions will be granted to taxpayers in counties subject to federal or state declarations of emergency or disaster for the monthly sales and use tax, business use tax, room occupancy tax, admission and dues tax, alcoholic beverage tax, and tourism surcharge as well as weekly income tax withholding and corporation business tax. Taxpayers mandated to pay by electronic funds transfer are reminded that they must initiate payment by 4:30 p.m. on the business day prior to the due date. Electronic returns must be filed and paper returns must be post-marked by midnight, September 7, 2011, to be considered timely.

Commissioner Sullivan said, “Governor Malloy did a great job making sure the state was prepared for the severe weather, flooding and power outages. Still, areas of the state were hit hard and widespread power outages are likely to continue for sometime despite the best efforts of Northeast Utilities and Connecticut Light & Power to repair the damage. It is also likely that some taxpayers and tax preparers will have to recreate damaged or lost tax records. I hope this extension of time provides the relief our taxpayers in Connecticut and in other states similarly affected by this hurricane and tropical storm deserve at this difficult time.”

If business taxpayers impacted by Irene receive a late filing notice from DRS for the August 31 or September 1 filing deadline, they should call the department’s Taxpayer Services line at (860) 297-5962 to explain the situation.

For information about various tax matters, visit the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS. Customer service callers should dial (800) 382-9463 (within Connecticut, but outside the Greater Hartford area) or (860) 297-5962 (from anywhere).

For all you bug people



2011 Fall Seminar

CPCA is hosting its 15th Annual Fall Seminar September 29, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. Be sure to fill out the registration form and mail in before September 6 to receive the early bird rate!

The registration form:

<http://www.npmapestworld.org/docs/Connecticut/CPCA%20FallSem%20Attendee%20Reg%20Form%202011.pdf>

The hotel is located at 100 Berlin Road in Cromwell. For hotel reservations, call 860-635-2000.
C.P.C.A. ANNUAL FALL SEMINAR

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Crowne Plaza

100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

Speakers:

- Dr. Janet Knitz-Early – Nisus Corporation
- Sheila Haddad – Bell Labs
- Dr. Ron Harrison – Orkin - Atlanta, GA
- Joe Gallo – State of CT Safety Specialist
- Shaw Mullen – Bayer Corporation
- Robert Young – Terminix International

AGENDA

TIME SESSION TOPIC ROOM CATEGORY

7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast, Visit With Vendors

8:30 am – 8:45 am Welcome, Logistics, Raffle Info A

8:45 am – 9:00 am Vendor Showcase A

9:00 am – 9:50 am I Bob Young – Termite Research & Control

Shawn Mullen – Occasional Invaders

A B 7B 7A

9:55 am – 10:45 am II Bob Young – Carpenter Bees, Wasps,
Hornets & Cicada Killers

Sheila Haddad – Residential Rodent
Control & Regulation Update

A B 7A, 7B 7D

10:45 am – 11:00 am Break

11:05 am – 12:00 pm III Ron Harrison – Controlling Carpenter Ants
& Odorous House Ants

Sheila Haddad – Commercial Rodent
Control & Inspections

A B 7A, 7B 7D

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch & Visit With Vendors

1:15 pm – 2:05 pm IV Ron Harrison – Bedbug Control
Techniques

Janet Knitz-Early – Powder Post Beetles

A B 7A 7B

2:10 pm – 2:25 pm Break

2:25 pm – 3:15 pm V Shawn Mullen – Controlling Nuisance
Flies

Janet Knitz-Early – The Effect of Wood
Decay & Moisture Control on WDI's

A B 7A 7B

3:15 pm to 4:00 pm VI Joseph Gallo – Call Before You Dig
A 7A, 7B, 7D

4:00 pm Raffle and Distribution of Credits A

A total of 6 credits will be offered. You may choose
from the following categories:

General Pest Control (7A) – 6 Credits Available

Termite and WDI (7B) – 6 Credits Available
Rodent (7D) – 3 Credits Available

A message from:



Flood Waters Pose Health Risks

Victims of Hurricanes know all too well that the lingering risks of contaminated water, toxic mold, weakened structures and infectious diseases can prove harmful over the days, weeks, and even months after the hurricane winds have passed. **Flood waters** can be contaminated by a wide array of toxins and pathogens in metropolitan areas. Chemicals from cars, machinery, gas stations, dry cleaners, toxic waste dumps and oil distributors are just some of its likely ingredients. Pesticides, solvents and other household products stored in flooded basements and garages may also find their way into the mix.

US Chamber of Commerce Poll

Do you think the congressional budget deficit super committee will meet its goal of producing a plan by Thanksgiving that achieves \$1.5 trillion in savings?	
	Response Percent
Yes	9.9%
No	85.4%
Don't Know	4.7%

What is the biggest deterrent to hiring more employees and expanding your business?

	Response Percent
Regulatory and tax uncertainty	36.6%
Economic uncertainty	25.8%
Lack of consumer/business demand	31.9%
Lack of available credit	3.8%
Other	1.9%

Which federal agency creates the most problems for your business?

	Response Percent
National Labor Relations Board	9.0%
Environmental Protection Agency	31.8%
Department of Labor/Occupational Safety & Health Administration	12.8%
Internal Revenue Service	20.4%
Food and Drug Administration	2.4%
Other	23.7%



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs
4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, www.CPSC.gov
Report an Unsafe Product: <http://SaferProducts.gov>

CPSC and USFA News

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission www.cpsc.gov
United States Fire Administration www.usfa.dhs.gov

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CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908
USFA Media Contact: (301) 447-1853

Survival Tips After a Hurricane Strikes CPSC and USFA Warn About Deadly Dangers That Can Linger After Hurricane Irene Passes

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) are warning residents in hurricane-impacted areas about the deadly dangers that can remain even after Hurricane Irene strikes.

Consumers need to be especially careful during a loss of electrical power, as the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and fire increases at that time.

In order to power lights, to keep food cold or to cook, consumers often use gas-powered generators. CPSC and USFA warn consumers NEVER to use portable generators indoors or in garages, basements or sheds. The exhaust from generators contains high levels of carbon monoxide (CO) that can quickly incapacitate and kill.

"Don't create your own disaster in the aftermath of a storm," said CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum. "Never run a generator in or right next to a home. Carbon monoxide is an invisible killer. CO is odorless and colorless and it can kill you and your family in minutes."

From 1999-2010, nearly 600 generator-related CO deaths have been reported to CPSC. CPSC is aware of an annual average of 81 deaths due to carbon monoxide poisoning from generators in recent years. The majority of the deaths occurred as a result of using a generator inside a home's living space, in the basement or in the garage.

"We know from experience as victims try to recover from disasters, they will take unnecessary risks with candles, cooking and generators. These risks often result in additional and tragic life safety consequences," said Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator

Glenn A. Gaines. "When you consider the challenges faced by firefighters and their departments to also recover from the same disasters, it is important that all of us remember even the simplest of fire safety behaviors following disasters of any type."

Do not put your family at risk. Follow these important safety tips from CPSC and USFA in the aftermath of a storm.

Portable Generators

Never use a generator inside a home, basement, shed or garage even if doors and windows are open. Keep generators outside and far away from windows, doors and vents. Read both the label on your generator and the owner's manual and follow the instructions. Any electrical cables you use with the generator should be free of damage and suitable for outdoor use.

Charcoal Grills and Camp Stoves

Never use charcoal grills or camp stoves indoors. Burning charcoal or a camp stove in an enclosed space can produce lethal levels of carbon monoxide. There were at least seven CO-related deaths from charcoal or charcoal grills in 2007.

CO Alarms

Install carbon monoxide alarms immediately outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home to protect against CO poisoning. Change the alarms' batteries every year.

Electrical and Gas Safety

Stay away from any downed wires, including cable TV feeds. They may be live with deadly voltage. If you are standing in water, do not handle or operate electrical appliances. Electrical components, including circuit breakers, wiring in the walls and outlets that have been under water should not be turned on. They should be replaced unless properly inspected and tested by a qualified electrician.

Natural gas or propane valves that have been under water should be replaced. Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. If you believe there is a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open. Never strike a match. Any size flame can spark an explosion. Before turning the gas back on, have the gas system checked by a professional.

Candles

Use caution with candles. If possible, use flashlights instead. If you must use candles, do not burn them on or near anything that can catch fire. Never leave burning candles unattended. Extinguish candles when you leave the room.

Consumers, fire departments and state and local health and safety agencies can download

CPSC's generator safety posters, door hangers and CO safety publications at CPSC's CO Information Center or order free copies by contacting CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772.

Download USFA's publications on disasters and fire safety and other safety issues at www.usfa.dhs.gov

US & State Government waste your tax -\$\$\$

- **4 States allow people on food stamps to use them at public restaurants**
- **Hybrid electric cars need to be plugged in to recharge**
 - **Most electric plants in the US are coal fired (the government want to close them)**
 - **You may save on gas but how about that large electric bill?**
- **The average American cannot afford a 40 to 50 thousand dollar hybrid car**
- **Why don't members of Congress pay into Social Security?**
- **The US & State governments cannot lower unemployment without spending more tax dollars (government employees are paid with tax dollars)**
- **Increasing taxes & spending while hoping the economy improves is no way to plan for our future**
- **The new congressional debt commission (6 dems-6 repubs) given the task to work together and come up with recommendations in November**
 - **Is a joke!**
 - **Some of the members already appointed are far left & far right & will never come to an agreement.**
 - **Lack of an agreement will kick in mandatory 1.5 Trillion dollar spending cuts which already states that 50% will be from the military.**
 - **That's just great**
 - **Let's just give the defense of this country to our "Allies" !**

Membership

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- **Private message board**
- **E-Mail notices of pressing issues**
- **Low rate E&O insurance available**
- **Web site contact listing**
- **Free link to you own web site**
- **Free consultation with an attorney**

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