

Proper planning could prevent disaster during a hurricane

Rocky's Ace Hardware reminds residents of the Sunshine State to plan ahead

<u>Rocky's Ace Hardware</u>, a family-owned business with neighborhood-based stores in six states, including four Florida locations in Port St. Lucie, Stuart, Tequesta and Wellington, wants to remind Sunshine State residents to prepare for the current Hurricane season that runs through Nov. 30.

"It is vital to plan when it comes to a dangerous hurricane as opposed to waiting for its imminent impact," said Rocky's Ace Hardware President and CEO Rocco Falcone. "Rocky's prides itself on being as prepared as possible to better help our customers during the run-up to a potentially devastating hurricane."

Falcone said that after making sure your home has enough water and food available, there is a checklist of additional items that can help customers get through a punishing storm and its aftermath. Some of those items include:

- Bucket
- Tub plug (to hold water in a bathtub)
- Flashlight and lantern
- Batteries
- Sand and sandbags
- · Tarps and plastic sheeting
- Tie-down material (i.e., ropes, bungee cords)
- Duct tape and masking tape
- Gas can
- Propane, charcoal, lighter and lighter fluid
- Extension cords and plugs
- Chainsaw file

"Your local Rocky's store has a robust in-stock inventory of these items and more, which can help your family ride out the emergency situation," said Falcone.

About Rocky's Ace Hardware

Rocky's Ace Hardware, your neighborhood store for paint, hardware, lawn & garden and pet supplies, has been in continuous operation, under the same family ownership, since opening its first location in Springfield, MA in 1926. From one modest store to now over 32 convenient locations throughout Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, Rocky's has become one of the country's largest Ace Hardware dealers, noted for its exceptional customer service and vast product selection. For more information, visit rockys.com.