



## **Rock You Like a Hurricane!**

For many people living in Florida, we've just become accustomed to living with the risk of hurricanes. As I write this article, the gulf coast of Florida is preparing for Hurricane Idalia. It hasn't even been a year since Hurricane Ian ravaged most of our Southwest Florida landscape, and here we go again with another storm. Seriously????

Many of our fellow neighbors and friends haven't fully recovered yet from Ian. Whether that is property restoration or mental recuperation. I don't want to speak for others, but after Ian last year, I'm not sure I can handle the stress of another storm. The trauma and emotional aftermath from the last two storms (Ian and Irma) still linger like an obstinate shadow.

Hurricanes aren't just physically disruptive; they can shake you emotionally as well. It's not uncommon to experience fear, anxiety, or sadness during the storm or in its aftermath. If you've experienced a traumatic hurricane in the past (Ian,) the emotional scars can be enduring. Heck, just dealing with the insurance companies can be stressful enough! Let's face it, hurricanes will test you to your core, especially during the rebuilding stage. The recovery process from a storm can be both physically and emotionally challenging.

Amidst the destruction, there can be moments of unexpected beauty and connection. Communities often band together during and after hurricanes, reminding me of the strength of the human spirit and our great country. This was especially apparent after Ian. The acts of kindness were overwhelming. It's still unclear on what Idalia will do, but I know for sure our community and Kimal Lumber will be there to help in the rebuilding process no matter what.

As time goes on, the memories of hurricanes may fade, but the experiences shape you. Kimal Lumber can help you stay informed and up to date by helping customers prepare the best possible way for storms such as hurricanes. Whether you're a remodeler, or a custom home builder, Kimal can help educate and consult our customers on product offerings that provide hurricane protection, and security.

In the end, hurricanes are a reminder of the unpredictable power of nature. They challenge us physically and mentally, but they also offer the opportunity for growth, resilience, and renewed connections. So, if you ever find yourself in the midst of a storm or its aftermath, remember you're not alone.... Kimal Lumber will be here to help. So, the next time you are driving down the road and rocking out to the classic Scorpions hit single... "Rock You Like a Hurricane" .... Just know that Kimal will be there rocking with you.

Stay safe and God Bless.

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