THE HOME DEPOT TO HOLD 700 HURRICANE WORKSHOPS IN STORES FROM TEXAS TO MAINE

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As part of America's PrepareAthon! The Home Depot joins FEMA and The Ready Campaign to mark first day of hurricane season

ATLANTA, May 15, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, today announced its second annual Hurricane Preparedness Workshops, a single-day effort to prepare residents in storm prone regions for the upcoming hurricane season. On Saturday, May 31, in preparation for the first day of hurricane season, The Home Depot will host workshops at 700 of its stores from the Gulf Coast to New England.

The Hurricane Workshops are an important preemptive measure the company is taking to help residents prepare for the 2014 hurricane season. Workshop leaders will cover critical hurricane readiness topics, such as storm prep projects, generator safety, sizing generators for specific home or business needs and assembling disaster preparedness kits.

"As we prepare for the first day of hurricane season, The Home Depot is committed to providing our customers the essential know-how to protect their homes and their families if a storm strikes," said Craig Menear, president – U.S. Stores. "Our hope is for these workshops to bring communities together, provide important preparedness information and inspire residents to take action."

For the second year in a row, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and The Ready Campaign will participate with The Home Depot for the Hurricane Workshops. This year's event is part of America's PrepareAthon!, a nationwide, community-based campaign for action to increase emergency preparedness and resilience.

Hurricane Preparedness Workshops are free and will be held on Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. – noon local time. Participating stores and registration information is located at workshops.homedepot.com, where customers can find information on all other Home Depot workshops year-round, including DIY, Do-It-Herself (DIH) and Kids Workshops.

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,264 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 10 Canadian provinces and Mexico. In fiscal 2013, The Home Depot had sales of $78.8 billion and earnings of $5.4 billion. The Company employs more than 300,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

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