

THE HURRICANE  
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The aftermath is very serious. Whole towns have washed away or are mostly underwater. Hundreds of power lines are down. Stores are closed or emptied of flashlights, water, etc. We are fine, but the NY thruway is still closed from here to NYC, that kind of thing.

UPDATE ON THE HURRICANE  
August 29, 2011

[Photo of the Dalai Lama and the Karmapa some time ago. I include it here because it was on this computer and Facebook will not let me post other than a short note without a photo.]

The hurricane has moved on.

We have been out of power since Saturday night, although we have some emergency power. I was up around 4:30 AM Sunday mopping water and putting buckets under leaks. The wind was going almost horizontal, so it drove water sideways through transoms and windows that were not absolutely shut tight. And then there were just plain leaks to cope with.

We went from room to room looking for leaks. The teachings here had to stop for lack of electricity, but we did two long pujas, Green Tara and an extended Mahakala practice that was three hours long.

The roads I am told are impassable up and down the mountain due to fallen trees, etc., although they are clearing it out. We have plenty of food and water and this reminds me of our Michigan blizzards when school is called off.

Lots of camaraderie, talk, and discussion. Today (Monday) should be back to normal but we may not have power for some days. Over 90,000 folks are without power in this county alone.

Hope wherever you are, you are well.

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— with [Mary Kaye Manning](#).

EDGE OF THE HURRICANE  
August 28, 2011

It is 5 AM here in Woodstock at the monastery and we are in the edge of the hurricane. Very high winds and rain that drives itself in through any crack. Power on and off. Quite something even from this distance.

