

**Wauna Food Buying Co-op and
Emergency Preparedness Group**
News Letter - 5 May 2008

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From: Wauna Wa Bulk Food Buying Coop <WaunaEP@yahoo.com>

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Subject: 5 May 2008 - News Letter

Co-op members,

It has been a long time since I have put out a news letter. I had hoped that someone would have the time to jump in and join us in being the leader of our co-op and just let the rest of us help, but that does not look like anyone else has time to do that right now either. So I will try to get it going again and hope you will join in and help me make it a success.

I don't know if I told all of you that I changed the email address for our Co-op to WaunaEP@yahoo.com so it would not be confused with the Key Center Ward Emergency Preparedness efforts.

You can still order things with Cathryn Farr cathrynfarr@comcast.net and Loa Anderson loapualani@comcast.net

We still have our web page at www.goldenmailbox.com/ep I have been trying to add a few things there to help us prepare for emergencies as I have had time.

Have you tried to buy rice this week at the local stores? Don't bother now. It is too late. There is none available in any stores anywhere. I heard on the news 2 weeks ago that the panic buying was start so I went out that very minute and I bought the last 75 pounds of rice in 3 different stores at \$1.37 a pound last. Now this week I went back to those stores and none of them have any rice on the shelf at all. CostCo not only dose not have rice now, they don't have flower either. They just put something else in those spots on the shelf. I do not know if you can buy rice or wheat now from the Utah distributors we have been buying from. We will have to check.

Isn't that interesting how our economy is so volatile that just the slightest thing throws everyone into a buying panic. Maybe you should go buy some 25 pound bags of beans before they are all gone too (because bulk Wheat is also all gone now too). This week Costco only had about 5 bags of pinto beans left and no other beans at all. Cost Cutter (a bulk food store in Everett) still had beans and flower on Friday but no rice. She said that Saturday morning they would be getting 100 bags of rice but there would be a line longer than the parking lot waiting when the doors opened. She said that not everyone would

get a bag even though they were going to limited it to one bag per person. Interesting times we live in.....

This is the very reason why we started a local food buying co-op so we could get a reasonable supply of food, water, medicine and fuel stored when there is not a panic going on.

I hope to keep our co-op going even if buying bulk food it is getting harder to do that now every one is in panic mode. Lets not panic. Let's just keep adding the things we need when we can afford them and not worry about what others are doing. I also hope you will continue to encourage neighbors around you and other local people you associate with to join us.

There will be more good things to come in our lives, because we will make them come, working together.

Cordell Vail

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Dear Cordell,

I just want to let you know that Costco did have rice last week (Basmati in 15 pound bags for around 12.00 a bag). I don't know if they still have some at the Gig Harbor store, but when I went in last week they had a pallet full of rice. This might be worth checking into.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Marcucci

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Thank you, Cordell, for the update. I'm glad I was able to get out to Costco and buy some rice before it was gone. I only bought 2 bags of flour and now wish I had done more! We have a group order we did as a family last week with Walton's in Idaho and they were so busy that they are way behind on their online orders. We haven't heard yet on a shipping date. We've seen the 'signs' for a long time now, but I never dreamed that it would happen so quickly. We're all stocked up (if we ever get our Walton's order that is) except for the charcoal and propane we wanted to add to our shelves. Then we were going to start on some of the "nice to have but not necessary" things like Worcesteshire sauce, Soy Sauce, stuff like that. I think I may add a few more bottles of chicken bullion too. Interesting times we live in!

Give Janice a hug for me!

Susan

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