

## **STORM AND HURRICANE TIPS**

As the summer and fall approaches, so does the need for weather preparedness.

Below is a list to help organize your home and family for bad weather.

### **TORNADO WARNING:**

- \*Identify a safe place and take cover.
- \*Get to storm shelter (Always keep updated stock and supplies)
- \*Build a safe room.
- \*Bathtub with mattress over it.
- \*Stay clear of any windows or glass doors.
- \*Look out for dark green skies large hail, wall clouds, loud roar like train, Air becomes very still and any unusual debris flying around.

### **HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM WARNING:**

- \*NOTE: Flood Insurance has a standard thirty (30) day waiting period before your policy goes into effect.
- \*Check and update any insurance policies with new additions and alterations in your home to assure proper coverage is in place.
- \*NOTE: Power surge damage is not a standard coverage in most homeowner policy's So make sure all electronic equipment, appliances and computers are turned off and unplugged.
- \*NOTE: Unless you have power failure or food spoilage coverage the food in your refrigerator and freezer is not covered. Prepare accordingly and relocate perishables items. Turn Freezer and refrigerators to the highest setting and if left unopened they will stay for 24 hours after power outage.
- \*Turn off all main valves for gas, water and electric.
- \* Always keep a copy of all insurance policies and any other type of important documents in a safe, dry and easily accessible place. Make sure every family member knows where they are located. Make sure they include driver's license medical cards, marriage certificates, deeds, titles, stock certificates, appraisals and any family pet documentation.
- \*Watch and listen to current weather news report as the storm approaches.
- \*Update and replenish emergency food, toiletry water and battery supplies, enough for three days.
- \*Leave a message with your insurance agent as to where you can be reached

after the storm.

- \*Remove loss debris and tree limbs from property
- \*Make alternate plans for your family pet. Most shelters do not accept animals.
- \*TAPING Windows will not protect your windows. Boarding up doors and windows is the best protection.
- \*Turn off and disconnect propane tanks from barbeques.
- \*Move furniture and valuables to higher ground and floors in your home.
- \*Secure and tie down all outside furniture and movable objects.
- \*Fill bathtub and large containers with water. (Note: This is not to be used for drinking water.)
- \*Secure your boat, boating accessories and equipment. And move to safer mooring.
- \*Take pictures of your house and valuable items before the storm hits and keep them in safe place.
- \*Make sure all family members carry identification.
- \*Have cash on hand. ATM may be out of order.
- \*Fill up your auto gas tank.
- \*Inquire about your children's school or family member work places evacuation plans.
- \*Plan for an evacuation route and safe shelter.
- \*Plan ahead of a neutral contact person that will not be affected by the storm as a family contact for all to check in and be able to keep updated on each other in case you and your family are separated.
- \*Purchase or assemble an emergency supply kit

Have the following supplies on hand

Flashlights/ batteries	Clothing
Nonperishable food	Photos family member(separation)
Water (1 gallon per person per day)	Rubber boots
Manual Can Opener	Latex gloves
Medications	Matches/lighter
Sanitary and hygiene items	Camera/film/batteries
Cell Phones/ chargers	Infant needs
Cash	Elder care needs
First Aid Kit	Family pet needs
Battery Powered Radio/batteries	Medical Card
Blankets and pillows	Glasses/Contacts/Solution
Laptop/charger	Travel Tool Kit

### Family pets

Prepare accordingly for your family pets. Most shelters will not accept your pets. Call your Veterinarian, animal hospitals and kennels ahead of time.

- \*Make sure Fido has his/her I.D. tags and rabies tags on their collar.

- \*Have leash/harness and crate.

- \*Have an updated vaccine and rabies shot list handy (Note: Most facilities will not board pets unless rabies is updated.)

- \*Gather pet dishes, food, treats, medications and water supply for them for 3-5 days.

- \*Bring their favorite toy.

- \*NOTE: Bring your family pet to shelter in a timely fashion to insure your safety as well.

Pet safe program=American Red Cross 516-747-3500

### **AFTER THE STORM**

- \*Be alert to down power lines, infected waters, broken glass and coastal erosion.

- \*Keep listen to radio for alerts and updates.

- \*Do not travel on roads that you cannot see the bottom of the roadway.

- \*Do not drink tap water!

- \*Contact your insurance agent and state your claim.

- \*Do not do any permanent repairs until an adjuster has been able to assess the damage.

\*Remove water soaked property and carpet but do not discard. Keep until adjuster analyzed them. Place outside under tarp or in garage.

\*Take pictures.

\*Maintain all receipts for emergency repairs and living expenses.

\*Prepare a repair estimate list for claims adjuster.

\*Provide pictures of before and after of personal items and property.

\*If you need to stay elsewhere, keep receipts for expenses.

NOTE: This type of reimbursement is only a percentage (%) of your policy.

So spend wisely and reasonably.

\*When scheduling repairs, deal only with licensed and reputable contractors.

\*Protect your home from any further damage or theft.

GO TO [WWW.FEMA.GOV](http://WWW.FEMA.GOV) or your insurance company and flood insurance company website immediately to file a claim and contact your insurance agent.

[www.nysemo.gov](http://www.nysemo.gov) NYS emergency management office

[www.NassauNYFloodMap.com](http://www.NassauNYFloodMap.com)

[www.nod.org/emergency](http://www.nod.org/emergency) emergency special needs registry

[www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov) national weather service

[www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov) national oceanic & atmospheric administration

[WWW.nhc.noaa.gov](http://WWW.nhc.noaa.gov) national hurricane service

[WWW.fema.gov](http://WWW.fema.gov)

[WWW.redcross.org](http://WWW.redcross.org) 516-747-3500 631-924-6700

LIPA/ Key Span ELECTRIC 1-800 490-0075

LIPA/Key Span GAS 1-800-490-0045

Nassau County police 516 573-7000

Suffolk Police Department 631 852-6000

Pet Safe Program/ American Red Cross 516-747-3500 RADIO: WHLI 1100 am

WBAB 102.3fm

## Emergency Contact Information

Fill out the following form regarding family information and keep handy in the event of emergency.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Info \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Info \_\_\_\_\_

Home Owners Insurance Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Flood insurance name \_\_\_\_\_

Policy# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteranarian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## STORM TERMINOLOGY

FLOOD: temporary condition of 2 or more areas or 2 or more properties from

- \*overflow of inland waves
- \*unusual accumulations of surface water
- \*mudflow
- \*Collapse of shore line due to erosion of water

FLOOD WATCH: Floods are possible

FLOOD WARNING: Floods are already occurring

HURRICANE: winds of 74mph with heavy rain, storm surge, flood, coastal erosion, landslides and tornados

HURRICANE WARNING: expected winds of 74mph or more in 24hrs.

HURRICANE WATCH: expected winds of 74mph or more in 36hrs.

MAJOR HURRICANE: 111mph winds or more

HURRICANE SEASON: June – November

HURRICANE CENTER: minimum winds/minimum pressure

HURRICANE EYE: calm area

HURRICANE EYEWALL: doughnut shape zone of highest winds and rain surrounding the eye

HURRICANE FEEDER BANDS: lines of bands of thunderstorm that spiral into and around the center of the hurricane

LANDFALL: intersection of the center of the storm and coastline

MILLIBAR (MB): Unit of measure in the atmosphere pressure

STORM SURGE: abnormal rise of the sea level during storm

SUFFER SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE: scale of 1-5 based on intensity of the storm winds, rain and damage

\*(1) 79-95 mph

\*(2) 96-110 mph

\*(3) 110-130 mph

\*(4) 130- 155 mph

\*(5) 155mph and above

TORNADO: violent rotating column of air and clouds contacting earth extending from a thunderstorm. Average tornado travels SW to NE at 30-70mph and rotating winds at 250 mph. when accompanied on water it forms a water spout. They usually occur between 3pm and 5 pm at any time of the year.

TROPICAL CYCLONE: Tornado over water

TROPICAL DEPRESSION: winds up to 39 mph

TROPICAL DISTURBANCE: tropical thunderstorm

TROPICAL STORM: assigned name and winds of 39-73 mph

TROPICAL STORM WARNING: winds 39-74 mph in 24hrs

TROPICAL STORM WATCH: winds 39-73 mph in 36 hrs

WIND SHEAR: the rate of wind speed and direction change

- \*Vertical: wind change with altitude

- \*Horizontal: wind change with horizontal plane