

# TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

## 2024

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS HANDBOOK



### BE AWARE. BE PREPARED.

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# **A Message From Supervisor Edmund J. Smyth**

Dear Neighbors -

Temperatures are rising around the world and water temperatures are doing the same. This has been one of the hottest years on record. There is a significant body of research that shows increasing ocean temperatures lead to storms that are stronger and more frequent. It is not a matter of if a disastrous storm such as a hurricane or blizzard will strike us, but when. The time to prepare is now, not when a storm is barreling towards us. That's where this guide comes in. It is full of useful information and resources to aid in your personal emergency preparedness.

The Town of Huntington prepares for not only hurricane season, but the winter storm season as well. Our Highway Department crews trim trees that are adjacent to power lines, as well as clear storm drains that can prevent water draining off roadways and exacerbate flooding. The Town checks generators and communication systems to ensure that we will be able to contact resources to respond to whatever emergency that may arise, and works to plan and coordinate action well ahead of any potential crisis.

As storms come and go, much of what the Town is doing can go unnoticed when people lose power and access to the outside world. But our work continues, many times sight unseen, for the betterment of our residents.

Just as the Town needs to prepare for the hurricane and winter storm season, so should every resident. A major storm striking Long Island will likely bring power outages, downed trees, and flooding, making roadways impassable. These events can impact our area for days, even weeks.

Be sure to have plenty of batteries of all types on hand. To be safe, you'll want to keep flashlights and battery-operated lamps and lanterns on hand, instead of candles. If you have a gas-powered generator, chain saw, or snow blower, now is the time to give it a test run and get it serviced.

A well-stocked first aid kit can come in handy, and be sure to have all prescriptions refilled. Stock special needs items for infants, elderly or disabled family members, like formula, diapers, movement assistance devices, and food for those on a special diet. Plan on bottled water and a food supply to last two weeks. Make sure you have extra blankets and clothing on hand to keep warm.

Also remember to check on the elderly and those with special needs. They may need your assistance during a weather emergency, especially if they live alone. And please don't forget about your pets. Be certain to have water, non-perishable food and any medications available for them, too.

The following pages include preparation checklists and additional sources of information so that you and your family can stay safe and sound during a major weather event.

The Town of Huntington will do everything we can to assist in an emergency and to keep you informed. Huntington Alert is the Town of Huntington's Notification System for weather and public safety emergencies. This CodeRed system will be used for when the Town and its Agencies need to provide you with urgent information and instructions. Sign up with CodeRed on the Town's website at: [HuntingtonNY.gov/alert](http://HuntingtonNY.gov/alert).

It is wise to keep cell phones charged at all times. However, you may not be receiving email, text messages and robocalls. It is important to have at least one battery or crank operated portable radio and NOAA weather radio with tone alert available to help you stay informed.

Be ready for any weather emergency. Plan ahead! Be aware, be prepared, be safe.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "EDMUND J. SMYTH".

Edmund J. Smyth

Town of Huntington Supervisor

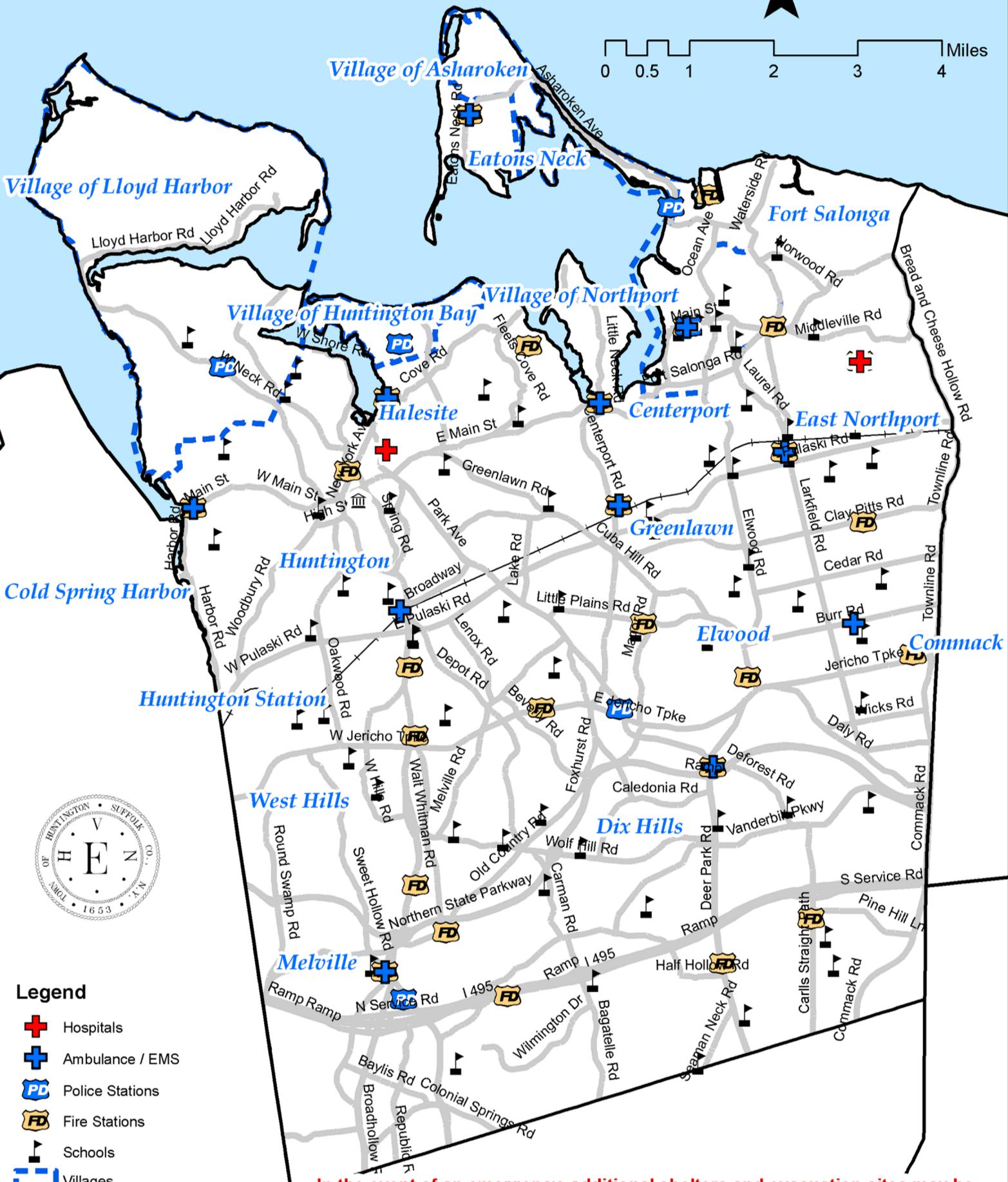


Our database contains listed phone numbers. If your phone number is unlisted or to add cell numbers or e-mail addresses go to the Town of Huntington homepage, click HUNTINGTON ALERT and the CODERED link and input your information. You can also sign up directly at: [HuntingtonNY.gov/alert](http://HuntingtonNY.gov/alert)

# Town of Huntington

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## Legend

- + Hospitals
- + Ambulance / EMS
- PD Police Stations
- FD Fire Stations
- Schools
- V Villages
- III Town Hall

In the event of an emergency, additional shelters and evacuation sites may be Opened. These sites will be announced by the media and posted on the Town of Huntington website, [www.huntingtonny.gov](http://www.huntingtonny.gov) and the Town of Huntington Emergency Alert System.



# **LOCAL WEATHER INFORMATION**

## **INTERNET**

**[www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)**

## **TELEVISION**

**Optimum (Altice): Channels 12 & 61**

**Fios: Channels 1 & 49**

**The Weather Channel: Channel 62 (Optimum)**

## **RADIO**

**WRCN - 103.9 FM**

**WALK - 97.5 FM**

**WBZO - 103.1 FM**

**WBAB - 102.3 FM**

**WCBS - 880 AM**

**WINS - 1010 AM**

**WWSK - 94.3 FM**

# **HELPFUL LINKS**

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

[WWW.HUNTINGTONNY.GOV](http://WWW.HUNTINGTONNY.GOV)

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[WWW.FEMA.GOV](http://WWW.FEMA.GOV)

[WWW.FEMA.GOV/SPANISH](http://WWW.FEMA.GOV/SPANISH)

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

[WWW.READY.GOV](http://WWW.READY.GOV)

**NOAA - NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**

[WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV](http://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV)

**STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (SOEM)**

[WWW.DHSES.NY.GOV/OEM](http://WWW.DHSES.NY.GOV/OEM)

**SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

[WWW.SUFFOLKCOUNTNY.GOV/HOME/DEPARTMENTS/FIRE/RESCUE](http://WWW.SUFFOLKCOUNTNY.GOV/HOME/DEPARTMENTS/FIRE/RESCUE)

**PSEG LONG ISLAND (STORM CENTER)**

[WWW.PSEGLYNY.COM](http://WWW.PSEGLYNY.COM)

# **LOCAL EMERGENCY AGENCIES**

## **CENTERPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

9 Park Circle, Centerport 11721

**EMERGENCY:** (631) 757-4444

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 261- 5916

## **EAST NORTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1 Ninth Avenue, East Northport 11731

**EMERGENCY:** (631) 261-1110

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 261-0360

## **COLD SPRING HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

2 Main Street, Cold Spring Harbor 11724

**EMERGENCY:** (631) 692-4747

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 692-6772

## **EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

55 Eaton's Neck Road, Northport 11768

**EMERGENCY:** (631) 757-5700

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 757-5662

## **COMMACK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

6309 Jericho Turnpike, Commack 11725

**EMERGENCY:** (631) 499-5777

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 499-6690

## **GREENLAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

23 Boulevard Avenue, Greenlawn 11740

**EMERGENCY:** (631) 261-1616

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 261- 9103

## **COMMACK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS**

200 Burr Road, Commack 11725

**EMERGENCY:** 911

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 499-9342

## **HALESITE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1 North New York Avenue, Huntington 11743

**EMERGENCY:** (631) 427-7250

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 427-1910

## **DIX HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1115 East Deer Park Road, Dix Hills 11746

**EMERGENCY:** 911

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 499-8836

## **HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY FIRST AID SQUAD**

2 Railroad Street, Huntington Station 11746

**EMERGENCY:** 911

**NON-EMERGENCY:** (631) 421-1263

# **LOCAL EMERGENCY AGENCIES**

## **HUNTINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1 Leverich Place, Huntington 11743

**EMERGENCY: (631) 423-3131**

**NON-EMERGENCY: (631) 427-3030**

## **HUNTINGTON MANOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1650 New York Avenue, Huntington

Station 11746

**EMERGENCY: (631) 385-3434**

**NON-EMERGENCY: (631) 427-1629**

## **LONG ISLAND RED CROSS**

195 Willis Avenue, Mineola 11501

**(516) 747-3500**

## **NORTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

204 Main Street, Northport 11768

**EMERGENCY: (631) 757-1111**

**NON-EMERGENCY: (631) 261- 7504**

## **MELVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

531 Sweethollow Road, Melville 11747

**EMERGENCY: (631) 547-41214**

**NON-EMERGENCY: (631) 423-2635**

## **SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE, RESCUE, & EMERGENCY SERVICES (FRES)**

102 East Avenue, Yaphank 11980

**(631) 852-4900**

## **JOINT EMERGENCY EVACUATION**

**PROGRAM (JEEP)** - Provides assistance to disabled or frail residents who would need emergency assistance when a disaster strikes.

**(631) 852-4900**

# FAMILY RESPONSE PLAN

Prepare for your family and loved ones in advance of an emergency with your own Family Response Plan. It is important that you **do not wait** until a warning has been issued. Here are some suggestions:

- Listen to local media reports for directions from government officials and emergency personnel. Know the Emergency Alert System radio and television stations in your area that will carry official information.
- Know where your local shelter is and prepare a "to-go kit" with supplies you will need should you have to evacuate.
- Contact family and friends and let them know your situation and your plans. Select a "key contact person" who everyone in your family can call to check-in with should you become separated.
- Secure any construction supplies and outdoor furniture, and pick up loose items such as hanging plants that are around your property.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest settings. Freeze water in plastic jugs to keep food cold if the electricity goes out.

# **FAMILY RESPONSE PLAN**

- Inventory household items with photographs. Make sure you have some cash on hand.
- Check your insurance coverage. Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance. Consult FEMA's website for more information about flood insurance - [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- Pools should be drained a few feet to accommodate for rain overflow that may cause flooding to your property.
- Know how and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity in your home. Fuel your vehicles.
- Determine if your family has any special needs and develop a plan for meeting those needs. For example, if you have a family member on a life-support system, does your electric utility and local responders know about it?
- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones. Be sure that all numbers are regularly updated.

**Huntington is ready. Are you?**

# EMERGENCY SUPPLY CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to ensure that you have these items ready to use in the event of an emergency:

- Flashlights with extra batteries. Keep flashlights and fresh batteries beside your bed and in several other locations. Do not use matches.
- Portable battery powered/crank radio or NOAA weather radio with tone alert. Include extra batteries. Most telephones (including cell phones!) will be out of order or limited to emergency use. The radio will be your best source for emergency information.
- First aid kit/skills. Keep your first aid kit well-stocked and in a central location. Take basic first aid and CPR courses. Keep your skills current.
- Food. Store a 14 day supply of food for each person. Include items such as canned or dehydrated food, powdered milk, and canned juices. Also include food for infants or the elderly, snack foods, and items such as a non-electric can opener, and utensils. Include food for your pets!
- Water. Store a 14 day supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store in air-tight containers and replace them every six months. Keep disinfectant, such as iodine tablets or chlorine bleach, to purify water if necessary. Include water for pets!
- Extra blankets and clothing may be required to keep warm. Wear sturdy shoes to protect feet from broken glass and debris.
- An alternative cooking source. Store a barbecue, charcoal, starter fluid, and matches in case utilities are out of service. *Do not use these methods of cooking within the home, or even near an open window.*
- Tools. Have a crescent or pipe wrench or a sturdy pair of pliers to turn off gas and water if necessary and know the location of shut-off valves.
- Secure important documents in a waterproof container such as insurance policies, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security cards, cash, etc. Consider keeping a list of included items.

# **FAMILY "GO-KIT"**

Every household should consider assembling a "GO-KIT", a collection of important papers and personal items that you may need in the event of an evacuation. The items should be stored in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container such as rolling luggage, backpack, or duffle bag.

- Copies of important documents in plastic bags (insurance cards, birth certificates, marriage certificates, deeds, photo ID, Social Security cards, passports, tax and other vital information).
- Extra set of house and car keys, maps.
- Credit/ATM card and adequate cash for your emergency needs.
- Three days worth of bottled water and non-perishable food items.
- Flashlight, battery operated AM/FM radio, extra batteries.
- Medications for at least one week. Maintain a list of all medications for each member of your household, the dosages or copies of the prescription, doctor's name and phone number.
- Sturdy, comfortable shoes, two days worth of clothing, rain gear, sleeping bags, and pillows.
- Supplies for children, elderly, and special needs individuals.
- First Aid Kit.
- Paper plates, and plastic cups and utensils.
- Pet care supplies.
- Toys, books, and games.

# **PET SAFETY**

- Make sure your Family Emergency Response Plan includes your pets.
- Don't leave pets home during an emergency, especially if you live in an evacuation area.
- Plan ahead. Contact a family member or friend outside the flood zone to see who might be able to care for your pets. Check with your veterinarian, kennel, or animal hospital about possible shelters.
- Horses and other livestock need to be housed in a secure building with a 2 week supply of food and water.
- Check with local hotels and motels to see if they allow pets.
- Make sure your dog licenses are up to date. A dog license is the only identification we have as a municipality to know if there is a dog residing on your property in an affected area in the event we need to respond to the scene during or after a storm.
- Contact your pet's microchip company and make sure all personal and contact information is up to date.
- Affix a pet alert safety sticker on the front door or window which will alert first responders that animals may be in the house or on the property.
- Secure and lock any fences or gates on the property to prevent your pet from running away during a storm.
- Never leave your animal unattended outside during a storm.
- Make sure you have enough pet food and pet medication to last 7-14 days after a storm.
- Have a current photo of your pet to assist with identification if your pet is to get lost.
- Have a Pet "Go-Kit" ready if you will be evacuating to a kennel, designated pet shelter, or to a family or friends. Be sure to include:
  - Water in gallon jugs
  - Pet food/bowls
  - Cat litter/box
  - Leash, muzzle, harness
  - Medication
  - Sturdy Pet crate/carrier
  - Photo of the pet with family member
  - Plastic bags/disinfectant

**If your pet is lost, call the Town of Huntington Animal Shelter at (631) 754-8722. Designated Pet Shelters will be announced by the Huntington Emergency Alert System and the media.**

# **PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR BUSINESS OWNERS**

- You should have a Family Emergency Response Plan and "Go-Kit" and encourage your employees to do the same.
- Complete inventory of business property with pictures should be stored in waterproof containers or in a safe deposit box.
- Review insurance policies and your coverage to avoid any misunderstandings later. Take advantage of flood insurance. Separate policies are needed for protection against wind and flood damage.
- Turn off gas, electricity and water. Unplug small appliances and office equipment.
- Always turn off your computer whenever there is an electrical storm. Lightning can travel up to 20 miles from a thunderstorm and can travel through phone lines. A lightning strike can destroy a computer no matter what kind of surge protector you have. Uninterruptable Power Supplies are a big help, but it is still a good idea to turn off your computers, monitors, and all other equipment.
- Backup your data. This is the most important thing you can do. Your computers can be repaired or replaced, but not your data. Seal your backup drives in zip-lock bags to prevent damage.
- Move all computers away from windows. If unable to move computer, cover it up with plastic sheeting and seal with tape. Unplug computer from wall. Do not try to restart your computer if it gets wet - have professionals service computers.
- If you are prone to flooding, place computers and other sensitive equipment in high, dry areas - preferably to a second floor.
- Call your local internet provider for additional electronic safety tips.

# **PREPAREDNESS TIPS**

## **FOR BOATERS**

- Haul your vessel if possible and check with your insurance carrier. Most insurance companies will pay 50/50 for a haul.
- Put extra pennant line on your vessel with chaffing gear.
- Check your ground tackle (chain, swivels, and pennant lines).
- Take all canvas and Bimini tops off or put down on vessel.
- Make sure your batteries are charged for your Bilge pump.
- Secure all through hole fittings.
- Secure all windows and hatches.
- Secure any loose gear such as boat hooks, brushes, or fishing poles and gear.
- It is important to have an up-to-date mooring permit so that the Harbormaster can contact you if your vessel should break free or sink from storm surge wind or rain.
- Above all, your vessel can be replaced; your life cannot. Do not try to ride out a storm or hurricane in your vessel.

**Town of Huntington Harbormaster  
(631) 351-3255**

# **AFTER THE STORM**

- Determine any immediate medical needs. Keep in mind emergency personnel will need to help those with pressing needs first.
- Contact friends or family members to let them know your situation.
- Do not walk through flowing water or attempt to drive through a flooded area. Water may be deeper than you anticipate. Stay home as long as you can.
- Stay away from downed power, telephone, and cable lines and be alert for any downed lines that may have fallen on trees. Electrical shock may occur.
- Look out for animals that may have gotten loose.
- Be careful where you step. Flood waters may have left sharp and/or dangerous objects on the ground such as nails or glass.
- Walkways, floors, and steps may be slippery. Use caution!
- If your power is out, make sure that your stove and other appliances are turned off so they will not become a hazard when the power is suddenly restored.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Only use battery-powered flashlights to check for damage inside and outside of your home. Never use open flames like candles.
- Take photos of any damage for your insurance company.
- Make, or arrange for, minor repairs to protect your home from further damage. Cover holes in roof or walls with plywood and cover any broken windows.
- AVOID UNNECESSARY DRIVING! Road conditions may be poor and traffic signals may be broken. Emergency vehicles need to have open access to the roads as well as clean-up crews.
- Stay informed of, and abide by, any emergency regulations.

# **SAFETY TIPS FOR WINTER** **POWERED-EQUIPMENT**

It is important to make sure that powered equipment, such as snow blowers are properly grounded to protect from electric shocks or electrocutions. When performing maintenance or cleaning, make sure the equipment is properly guarded and is disconnected from power sources.

Never attempt to clear a jam by hand. First, turn the snow blower off and wait for all moving parts to stop, and then use a long stick to clear wet snow or debris from the machine. Keep your hands and feet away from moving parts. Refuel a snow blower prior to starting the machine; do not add fuel when the equipment is running or when the engine is hot.

The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, and fire. Follow the directions supplied with the generator.

- To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry and do not use in rain or wet conditions. Operate it on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure, such as under a tarp held up on poles. Do not touch the generator with wet hands.
- Be sure to turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
- Never try to power the house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet. Known as “backfeeding,” this practice puts utility workers, your neighbors and your household at risk of electrocution.
- Remember, even a properly connected portable generator can become overloaded, resulting in overheating or generator failure. Be sure to read the instructions.
- If necessary, stagger the operating times for various equipment to prevent overloads.

Store fuel for the generator in an approved safety can. Use the type of fuel recommended in the instructions or on the label on the generator.

# **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

## **EMERGENCY**

**911**

### ***Suffolk County Police Second Precinct***

1071 Park Avenue - Huntington 11743  
NON-EMERGENCY: 631-854-8200

"**911**" is **ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES**.

Do not dial "911" for information!

Dial (631) 852-COPS for NON-EMERGENCIES.

### **TOWN OF HUNTINGTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

(631) 351-3234

### **State Emergency Management Office (SOEM)**

(24-Hour State Emergency Coordination Center)

(518) 292-2200

### **Suffolk County Fire Rescue and Emergency Services (FRES)**

(631) 852-4900

### **U.S. Coast Guard - Eaton's Neck**

(for Emergency Search & Rescue)

(631) 261-6868

### **PSEG LI Hotline**

(to report outages, emergencies, or a downed wire)

1 (800) 490-0075

### **National Grid**

(gas safety emergency and outages)

1 (800) 490-0045

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## ARE YOU?

