Supervisor Sean Walter

Preparations for hurricanes are best made in advance. A major storm is overdue. The devastation caused by storms, such as Katrina, requires us to be prepared for hurricanes and major storms. The Town of Riverhead is ready for such emergencies. We want to encourage all residents and visitors to get ready by following three simple preparation rules:

1. **PLAN**
2. **PACK**
3. **PAY ATTENTION**

This brochure provides you with the basic steps you can take to help you and your family weather the storm. Additional information is on our website under Emergency Information (on the left) and under Emergency Preparedness.

Take a few moments now to organize your response, assess your property and listen to officials when the storm comes. Any time spent now on emergency preparedness will be extremely beneficial to you and your loved ones.

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Pet Owners

Identify a Shelter
Don't wait for the disaster to be here. Find out now where you will take your pet. Check with local kennels, veterinarians and motels or hotels that are pet friendly. For more information on shelterin g pets visit www.suffolkspca.org or call 382-SPCA.

Plan a Pet Disaster Supply Kit

- Proper identification including immunization records.
- Ample supply of food and water with bowls.
- A carrier or cage that locks securely.
- Newspaper or trash bags for clean-up.
- Medications with specific care instructions.
- Muzzle, collar and leash.
- First Aid Kit.

Stay Informed and Be Prepared to Leave
If you are shelterin g your pet, do so well before the storm arrives and don't forget your supply kit.

After the Storm

Listen to your local officials. Only return to areas that have been evacuated when told to do so. Use extreme caution. Document all damage with photos if possible.
STAY INFORMED & STAY SAFE

Town of Riverhead

Hurricane
and Severe Storm
Preparedness

An Important Guide to Help Ensure the Safety of Every Town Resident and Visitor During an Emergency

Plan

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Pay Attention

PLAN

Create An Emergency Plan NOW

- Meet with household members to discuss the dangers of fire, severe weather and other emergencies.
- Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could occur.
- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home and mark 2 escape routes from each room.
- Learn how to turn off water, gas and electricity at main switch.
- Post emergency telephone numbers.
- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls. Have a contact number outside the affected area.
- Pick 2 meeting places:
  1) near your home in case of fire.
  2) outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.
- Take a basic First Aid and CPR class.
- Keep family records in a water and fireproof container.

Special Needs Residents

If you cannot stay in a regular shelter due to a medical condition, please contact the general information number listed in this brochure or visit the Town website for a **Special Needs Application** and more information.

PACK

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit NOW

Include the following:

- At least a 3-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Keep water in sealed, unbreakable containers.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener. Include high energy food such as peanut butter, crackers or granola bars.
- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- A first aid kit, prescription medication and an extra pair of glasses/contacts and solution.
- A battery powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- Identification, credit & ATM cards, cash, important family and insurance information.
- An extra set of car and house keys.
- A list of family physicians.
- Special items for infants or elderly.

Keep most of these items in a sturdy plastic tote in a safe place. Check and update your kit annually. Rotate your food items. All dated perishable food items should be checked and updated semi annually. **If you must evacuate take your kit with you.**

PAY ATTENTION

ALWAYS stay informed

Cablevision Channel 62
Weather Channel

WRIV 1390 AM

WLNG 92.1 FM

Riverhead Storm Hotline
727-3200 ext. SOS (767)

General Information / Special Needs Information
727-4500 ext. 315

Additional Information

www.riverheadli.com
www.ready.gov
www.semo.state.ny.us
www.suffolkcountyny.gov
www.redcross.org

Report power outages to LIPA

800-490-0075

72 Hour Rule

We must be able to sustain ourselves for at least 72 hours. It is recommended that you keep at least 3 days and up to 5 days of supplies on hand.

Grandma is right!

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.