

## Message from the Supervisor

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Preparations for hurricanes are best made in advance. A major storm is always a possibility. The devastation caused by storms, such as **Sandy**, 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 Preparedness on the left.

Take a few moments now to organize your response 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.



### Riverhead Town Board

Supervisor Timothy Hubbard  
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## Pet Owners

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### 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/hotels that are pet friendly.

### 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 cleanup.
- Medications with specific care instructions.
- Muzzle, collar and leash.
- First aid kit.

### Stay Informed and Be Prepared to Leave

If you are sheltering your pet, do so well before the storm arrives and don't forget your supply kit.

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## 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.*

## Town of Riverhead

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## Hurricane

and Severe Storm

## Preparedness



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

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## Plan

## Pack

## Pay Attention

## PLAN

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### 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 switches.
- Post emergency telephone numbers.
- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls.
- Pick 2 meeting places: near your home in case of fire; 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.

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### 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's website for a **Special Needs Application** and more information.

## PACK

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### 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 the elderly.

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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 semiannually. **If you must evacuate take your kit with you.**

## PAY ATTENTION

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### Stay informed **ALWAYS**

#### Cablevision

**Channel 22**

**Channel 62** - Weather

**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.townofriverheadny.gov](http://www.townofriverheadny.gov)

under Local Links

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

[www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/safety-info/](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/safety-info/)

[www.suffolkcountyny.gov/FRES](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/FRES)

[www.redcross.org/get-help.html](http://www.redcross.org/get-help.html)

#### Cablevision (Riverhead)

**(631)727-6300**

**Electric (PSEG, Emergency Line)**

**(800)490-0075**

**Gas (National Grid, Emergency Line)**

**(800)490-0045 or (631)755-6200**

**Sewer (Riverhead Sewer District)**

**(631)727-3069**

**Water (Riverhead Water District)**

**(631)727-3205**

**American Red Cross (Open 24/7)**

**(516)747-3500**

**IN AN EMERGENCY – CALL 911**