

# Town of Riverhead

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**December 16, 2020 - 1100 hrs.**

**Weather and Travel Advisory**

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for our area from 2 pm this afternoon until 1 pm tomorrow afternoon. Heavy snow is expected with total accumulations of 7 to 10 inches possible. Temperatures should remain right around freezing with wind chills between 15 and 20 degrees. Winds will be in the 20 to 30 mph range with stronger gusts likely. Minor coastal flooding may occur during high tide cycles tonight and tomorrow. There is still some uncertainty in the forecast, if there is a wintry mix overnight, snowfall amounts could be less. Travel is expected to become extremely hazardous late this afternoon and tomorrow. Use caution when going outside. If you can, STAY HOME. If you MUST travel, give yourself plenty of time, REDUCE YOUR SPEED and bring a flashlight, food and water with you. In case of an emergency, dial 911 or call the Riverhead Police Department at 631-727-4500.

**A RIVERHEAD TOWN SNOW EMERGENCY WILL GO INTO EFFECT AT 6 PM THIS EVENING. DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLES ON THE STREET.**

- ALL RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO REMOVE THEIR VEHICLES FROM THE STREET TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SNOWPLOWING OPERATIONS. CHAPTER 289-50.1 AUTHORIZES THE RIVERHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPOUND PARKED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES THAT AFFECT THE ROADWAYS DURING A SNOWSTORM.

## **Notifications and Closures**

*IF YOU ARE IN A COASTAL FLOOD PRONE AREA, PAY ATTENTION TO THE UPCOMING HIGH TIDE CYCLES AFTER MIDNIGHT TONIGHT AND AGAIN AFTER NOON TOMORROW. PLEASE TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.*

*TO REPORT POWER OUTAGES, CALL PSEG AT 1-800-490-0075.*

*PLEASE DO NOT SHOVEL SNOW INTO THE STREET. THIS ONLY CREATES A HAZARD FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS AND OTHER MOTORISTS.*

*IF THERE IS A FIRE HYDRANT BY YOUR HOME, PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS VISIBLE AND SHOVELED OUT.*

*PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS, ESPECIALLY THE ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND.*

*DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS. MAKE SURE THEY ARE BROUGHT INDOORS OR HAVE SHELTER.*

*FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR PATRONS AND VISITORS, PLEASE REMOVE THE SNOW AND ICE FROM THE SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY.*

*REMEMBER THE P'S OF PREPAREDNESS, HAVE A PLAN, PACK AN EMERGENCY KIT AND PAY ATTENTION.*

*FOR WINTER SAFETY TIPS VISIT:*

FEMA

<http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

National Weather Service

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/index.shtml>

NYS Homeland Security

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/safety-info/winter/>

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Red-Cross-Winter-Weather-Safety-Tips>