

# Town of Riverhead

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**December 17, 2020 - 0600 hrs.**

## **Weather and Travel Advisory**

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for our area until 1 pm today. The rain overnight has helped to keep total snow accumulations down. The rain will turn back to a snow/sleet mix with less than 1 inch of additional accumulation expected. Temperatures are currently above freezing, but will fall to around 30 degrees by late afternoon. Wind chills will also fall into the low 20's throughout the day. Winds will be in the 20 to 30 mph range with stronger gusts likely. Minor coastal flooding may occur during high tide cycle this afternoon. Roads and walkways can be anywhere from wet to snow covered. If you can, STAY HOME. If you go outside, use caution. If you MUST travel, give yourself plenty of time and REDUCE YOUR SPEED. In case of an emergency, dial 911 or call the Riverhead Police Department at 631-727-4500.

**A SNOW EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED IN RIVERHEAD TOWN. 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**

***RIVERHEAD TOWN HALL WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 11:30 AM TODAY.***

***RIVERHEAD JUSTICE COURT IS CLOSED TODAY.***

***YARD WASTE FACILITY WILL OPEN AT 11:30 AM TODAY.***

***GARBAGE COLLECTION WILL FOLLOW THE NORMAL SCHEDULE.***

***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>