

# What To Do After the Storm

1. Determine any immediate medical needs and check for injuries. Keep in mind that emergency personnel will need to help those with pressing needs first.
2. Contact family members and let them know your situation.
3. Do not drink tap water until officials have announced that it is safe to drink. The area may be under a “boil water” order.
4. 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.
5. Stay away from downed power, telephone, and cable TV lines and be alert for any downed power lines that may have fallen on trees. Electrical shock could occur.
6. Look out for animals that may have gotten loose.
7. Be careful where you step. Flood waters may have left sharp and/or dangerous objects on the ground, such as nails.
8. Walkways, floors, and steps may be slippery. Use caution!
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Take photos of your damage for your insurance company.
12. Make, or arrange for, minor repairs to protect your home from further damage. Cover holes in roofs or walls with plywood and cover broken windows.
13. Avoid unnecessary driving! Road conditions may be poor and traffic signals may be broken. Emergency vehicles need to have open access to the roads.
14. Keep informed of, and obey, any emergency curfews and regulations.

## Town of Huntington

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### Emergency Preparedness Brochure



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**BE AWARE - BE PREPARED.**

# Letter From Supervisor

## Edmund J. Smyth

Dear Neighbors,

As the National Weather Service predicts an aggressive hurricane season nearing, the Town of Huntington wants to encourage all its residents to stay aware and stay prepared. It is important to us that every family stays safe. We put this brochure together to see to it that every family in the Town of Huntington is as prepared for each storm season. We are ready, are you?

In this brochure you can find:

- What types of emergencies to expect, when, & how to use the “7 P’s” accordingly
- Local emergency agencies & important phone numbers
- Local weather information & Island Harvest Emergency Food Services
- Town of Huntington Map
- How to create a hurricane response plan for your family
- An emergency supply checklist for your family
- How to assemble a “Go Kit”
- Safety tips for older adults, pets, small business owners, and for the winter season
- What important documents you should always have
- What To Do After the Storm

Also, remember to check on the elderly. They may need your assistance during a weather emergency, especially if they live alone. And please do not forget about your pets. Be certain to have water, non-perishable food, and any medications available for them, too. It is wise to keep cell phones charged at all times. However, you may not be receiving emails, texts messages, and robocalls. It is important to have at least one battery operated or portable radio available to help you stay informed. Be ready for any weather emergency. Plan ahead! Be aware, be prepared, and, most of all, please be safe!

Thank you,

Edmund J. Smyth Supervisor



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## Older Adults Safety Tips (Part 2)

Sign up for emergency alerts through the National Council on Aging. Real-time information is critical when faced with weather emergencies. Thanks to modern day technology, you can sign up for “push notifications” from your local public safety providers as well as national organizations like FEMA.

Here is how to sign up:

- Call your local non-emergency police line to ask about community alert systems and how to access them.
- Download real-time alert apps to your mobile device.
- For **Android** users, you can get FEMA’s app on Google Play or by texting “**ANDROID**” to **43362**.
- For Apple users, visit the Apple App Store or text “**APPLE**” to

What to do in the event of a weather emergency?

1. Do not panic & remain calm.
2. Remind yourself that you are prepared for this moment. You have a plan, and you know exactly what steps to take to ensure your safety. It is important to take those steps in a calmly manner.
3. Check the news and/or your emergency alert notifications for updates.
4. Decide which plan is most appropriate: shelter in place, or evacuate?
5. Follow the plan just like you have practiced.

Beware of disaster relief scams:

- Scammers pose as FEMA or insurance representatives offering to expedite grants or loans, but demand a "processing fee" or require your Social Security number and bank details to deposit "aid".
- Real FEMA or federal disaster workers never charge fees for services, and they will always carry official identification. **NEVER** provide bank routing numbers or Social Security numbers to unsolicited callers.



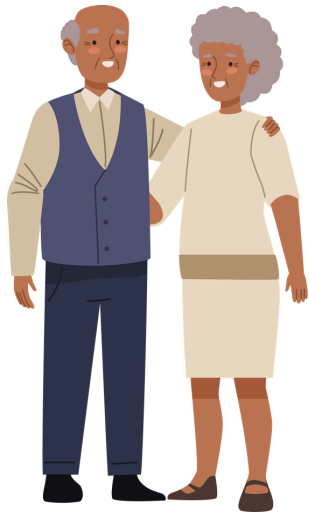
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# Older Adults Safety Tips (Part 1)

- Keep at least a week’s worth supply of all medications .
- Maintain a list of all medications, allergies, doctors, and past procedures.
- Pack extra hearing aid batteries, a back up pair of glasses, and bottle of contact solution in your family’s “Go Kit.”
- If you rely on power for CPAP machines, oxygen concentrators, or medication refrigeration, always have backup battery banks or inquire about portable alternatives.
- Wear a medical ID bracelet or necklace detailing chronic health conditions, allergies, and emergency contact numbers.
- Pack spare parts or repair kits for walkers, canes, or wheelchairs.
- Always use battery operated lamps & flashlights, **NEVER** use candles in any occasion.

Do not face emergencies alone. Reach out to family, friends, neighbors, or caregivers to build an emergency support network of at least two people.

- Make sure they know where your emergency kits are located.
- Provide them with a spare set of house and car keys.
- Discuss your evacuation plan and personal needs so they know exactly how to assist you.
- Remove tripping hazards like loose rugs and clutter so you can safely evacuate in the dark or during a power outage.
- Always check on your elderly neighbors and family!



**All information can be found on the National Council on Aging.**



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# Know Your Hazards

In the Town of Huntington, these are the types of weather emergencies you can expect & when you can expect them:



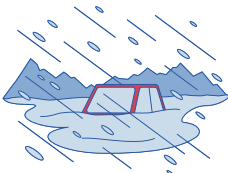
**Hurricanes**  
**June 1st-November 30th**



**Coastal Flooding**  
**Year round**



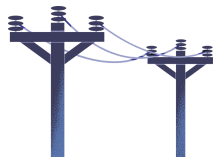
**Severe Thunderstorms**  
**March 1st-October 31st**



**Winter Storms**  
**November 1st-April 1st**



**Extreme Heat**  
**May 1st-September 30th**



**Power Outages**  
**Year Round**



**Down Trees**  
**Year Round**

# Pet Safety



- Plan ahead- contact family and/or friends outside the flood zone to see who might be able to take your pets. Check with your veterinarian, kennel, or animal hospital about possible shelter.
- Horses and other livestock need to be housed in a secure building with a 2 week supply of food and water.
- Check area hotels and motels to see if pets are allowed.
- Consider a permanent ID marking for your pet, either a tattoo or a microchip.
- Be sure to have your pets license, rabies tag, and identification tag with address, phone numbers, and a phone number of a relative in case you get separated. Make sure all vaccinations are up-to-date. Provide you address and phone number to your animal shelter.
- Have current color photo of your pet, to assist with the identification process.
- Use a pet a carrier for each pet, one which is large enough for them to stand up and turn around inside.

**NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET HOME ALONE DURING AN EMERGENCY, ESPECIALLY IF YOU LIVE IN AN EVACUATION AREA.**

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# Preparedness Tips for Small Business Owners

- Take pictures of complete inventory of all business property and store them in water proof containers or in safe deposit box.
- Review insurance policies and your coverage to avoid misunderstandings later. Take advantage of flood insurance. Separate policies are needed for protection against wind and flood damage.
- Turn off all gas, electricity, and water and unplug small appliances and all 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 phone lines. A lightning strike can destroy a computer no matter what kind of surge protector you have. Uninterruptible Power Supplies are a big help, but it is 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. If you put data on something physical, like a hard drive, secure it in a plastic bag. If you do not already, have a cloud system set up for your business documents, payroll information and customer relationship management accounts. Paper files should be digitalized to be made available at any time. For servers, it is advisable to have a backup server offsite in case onsite servers get destroyed with flooding or other types of destruction.
- Move all computers away from the windows. If unable to move computers, cover them with plastic sheeting and seal with tape. Unplug computer from the wall. Do not try to restart computer if it gets wet. Have professionals service computers.
- If you are prone to flooding, place your computers and other equipment in high, dry area, preferably to the second floor.
- Turn Servers and monitors off. If possible, move to high, dry area.
- Call your local Internet Service Provider for additional computer safety tips.



# What Are The “7 P’s?”

In the event of an emergency, it is crucial to always keep in mind the “7 P’s!”

## Plan

Develop a Hurricane Emergency Response Plan with your family.

## Pack

Pack a “Go Kit” with your family, and find a secure spot for it.

## People

Always check on your family and neighbors, especially those who have special needs or are elderly.

## Pets

Include your pet(s) in your family’s response plan and “Go Kit” if you have any.

## Provisions

Pack at least seven days worth of provisions per person in your family’s “Go Kit.”

## Prescriptions

Pack at least seven days worth of any necessary prescriptions in your family’s “Go Kit.”

## Papers

Follow the 3-2-1 backup and pack your onsite important documents in a secure case in your family’s “Go Kit.”

# Local Emergency Agencies

## (Part 1)

### Centerport Fire Department

9 Park Circle  
Centerport

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 261-5916

### Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department

2 Main Street  
Cold Spring Harbor

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 692-6772

### Commack Fire Department

6309 Jericho Turnpike  
Commack

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 499-6690

### Dix Hills Fire Department

115 East Deer Park Road  
Dix Hills

**Emergency:** 911

**Non-emergency:** (631) 499-8836

### East Northport Fire Department

1 Ninth Avenue  
East Northport

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 261-1177

### Eaton's Neck Fire Department

55 Eaton's Neck Road  
Northport

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 757-8932

### Greenlawn Fire Department

23 Boulevard Avenue  
Greenlawn

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 261-0475

### Halesite Fire Department

1 North New York Avenue  
Huntington

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 427-0630

### Huntington Fire Department

1 Leverich Place  
Huntington

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 673-2240



# Winter Safety Tips (Part 2)

## Winter Machine & Equipment Preparation:

- In the event of a winter storm, 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.



# Winter Safety Tips (Part 1)

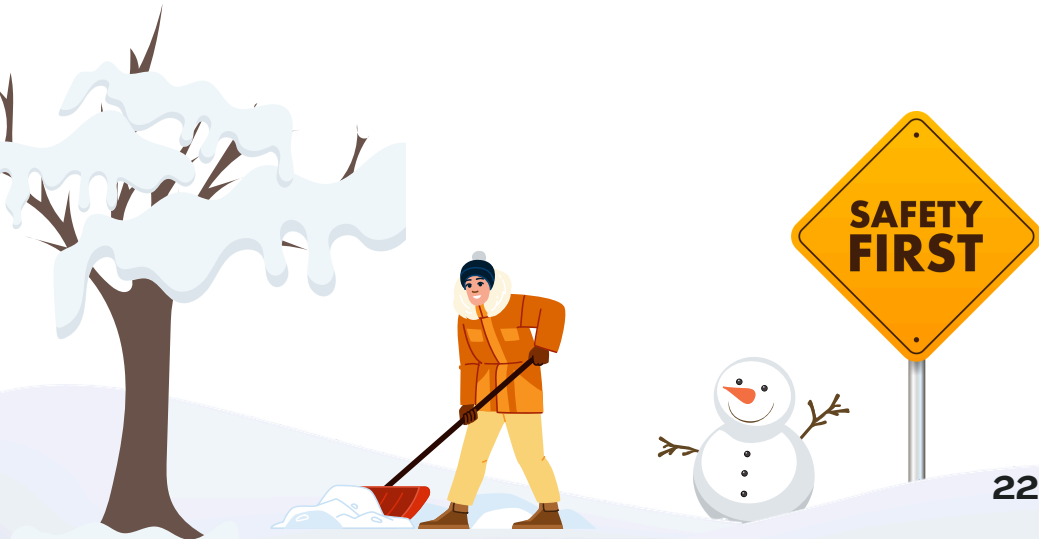
As our winter season becomes more aggressive, here are some winter safety tips to stay safe and prepare better:

## For on the road:

- Use winter-grade windshield washer fluid, check your tires for adequate tread, and keep your gas tank at least half-full.
- Pack a winter emergency kit with an ice scraper, blankets, jumper cables, snacks, and a portable cell phone charger.
- Clear all snow and ice completely from windows and lights.
- Decrease your speed and leave ample stopping distance between vehicles.

## Outdoors:

- Wear an inner moisture-wicking layer, an insulating middle layer, and a water-resistant outer shell along with a hat, gloves, and waterproof boots.
- Shoveling is physically grueling and can strain your heart. Pace yourself, lift with your legs, and avoid overexertion.
- Avoid Frostbite & Hypothermia by limiting outdoor exposure and take frequent breaks indoors. Watch out for uncontrollable shivering, slurred speech, or numbness.
- Winter salt is essential for melting ice and preventing slips, but it must be used strategically to protect the environment, local infrastructure, and pets. To maximize safety while minimizing usage, always shovel bulk snow first, apply salt sparingly (grains spaced 3 inches apart), and switch to sand when temperatures drop too low.



# Local Emergency Agencies (Part 2)

## Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corps

P.O. Box 819  
Commack

**Emergency:** 911

**Non-emergency:** (631) 499-9342

## Huntington Community First Aid Squad

2 Railroad Street  
Huntington Station

**Emergency:** 911

**Non-emergency:** (631) 421-1263

## Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services (FRES)

P.O. Box 127 Yaphank Avenue  
Yaphank

**Emergency:** (631) 852-4900

## Joint Emergency Evacuation Program

JEEP provides assistance to disabled or frail residents who would need emergency evacuation assistance when disaster strikes.

**Non-emergency:** (631) 852-4900

**TTY:** (631) 853-5658

## Huntington Manor Fire Department

1650 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station

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

**Non-emergency:** 631-427-1629

## Long Island Red Cross

195 Willis Avenue  
Mineola

**Emergency:** (516) 747-3500

## Melville Fire Department

531 Sweethollow Road  
Melville

**Emergency:** (631) 547-4121

**Non-emergency:** (631) 423-3852

## Northport Fire Department

204 Main Street  
Northport

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 261-7504



# Important Phone Numbers



**Suffolk County Police  
Second Precinct**  
1071 Park Avenue  
Huntington

**Non-emergency:** (631) 854-8200



**Town of Huntington Department of Public Safety**

**Non-emergency:** (631) 351-3234

**Emergency Management Office (SOEM)  
(24-Hour State Emergency Coordination Center)**

**Non-emergency:** (518) 292-2200

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

**Non-emergency:** (631) 852-4900

**PSEG LI Hotline**

Report outages, emergencies, or a downed wire

**Emergency:** (800) 490-0075

**National Grid**

Gas, safety emergency, and outages

**Emergency:** (800) 490-0045

**IN THE EVENT OF AN IMMEDIATE  
EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.**

# How to Assemble a Family

## “Go Kit” (Part 2)

### What if my family has any pets?

If your family has a pet or multiple pets, it is very important that you assemble a “Pet Go Kit” for them as well! Having this ready in the case of an evacuation to a kennel, designated pet shelter, or to even a family member’s or friend’s house is extremely helpful. Make sure to include:

- Water in gallon jugs
- Medication that can last for at least a week
- Canned pet food, a water bowl, and a food bowl
- A leash, collar, muzzle, and a harness
- Cat litter and a litter box
- An updated and colored photo of your pet(s)
- A list of your family contact information
- A pet crate or carrier
- Plastic bags as well as disinfectant
- If possible pack treats, bones, and toys



### How do I maintain my “Go Kit?”

After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it is ready when needed:

- Keep all canned food in a dry place with cool temperature
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers
- Replace expired items as needed
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family’s needs change

### Where should I store my “Go Kit?”

Since you will never know where you will be in the event of an emergency, you should prepare your “Go Kit” for home, work, and in cars.

- **Home:** Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. Establish this in your family’s response plan.
- **Work:** Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your “Go Kit” should include food, water, medicine, and comfortable walking shoes. It should be stored in a “grab and go” case.
- **Car:** In case you are stranded, keep a “Go Kit” of emergency supplies in your car.

# How to Assemble a Family

## “Go Kit” (Part 1)

### What is a “Go Kit?”

A “Go Kit” is 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 and easy to carry container. Some examples are a roll-a-way piece of luggage, a back pack, or a duffle bag. Every household should consider assembling a “GO KIT” in the event of an emergency.

### What is needed in a “Go Kit?”

- Copies of important documents stored inside of a plastic bag
- Extra set of house keys, car keys, and maps
- Credit/ATM cards and adequate cash for your emergency needs.
- Plenty of bottled water and non-perishable food items that can last for at least a week, preferably items that do not require any sort of cooking
- A flashlight, a battery operated AM/FM radio, and extra batteries.
- Medications for a least one week as well as a maintained list of all medications for each member of your household, the dosages, copies of each prescription, and your doctor’s name and contact information.
- A supportive and comfortable pair of shoes, three days worth of clothing, rain gear, sleeping bags, and pillows.
- Any needed supplies for children, elderly, and special needs individuals like formula, extra pair of glasses, etc.
- A first Aid Kit.
- Paper plates, napkins, wipes, and plastic eating utensils
- Toys, books, games if there is room that allows for it



# Local Weather Information

## INTERNET:

**The Weather Channel Website:** [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

**National Weather Service:** <https://forecast.weather.gov>

## TELEVISION:

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

**Verizon:** Channels 1 & 49

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

## RADIO

**WCBS - 880 AM**

**WINS - 1010 AM**

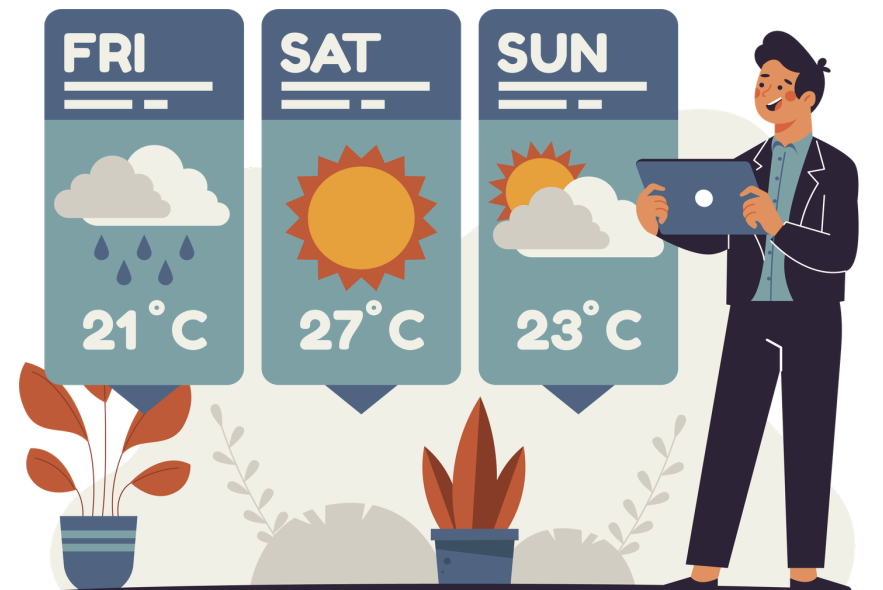
**WWSK - 94.3 FM**

**WRCN - 103.9 FM**

**WALK - 97.5 FM**

**WBZO - 103.1 FM**

**WBAB - 102.3 FM**





## Helpful Links

**Town of Huntington**  
[www.huntingtonny.gov](http://www.huntingtonny.gov)



### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
<https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>  
[www.fema.gov/spanish](http://www.fema.gov/spanish)  
[www.fema.gov/kids](http://www.fema.gov/kids)  
<https://www.fema.gov/assistance/businesses>  
<https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual>

### **National Weather Service (NOAA)**

[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.suffolkcountyny.gov/home/departments/firerescue](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/home/departments/firerescue)

### **PSEG Long Island Storm Center**

[www.pseglynny.com](http://www.pseglynny.com)

### **The National Council on Aging (NCOA)**

<https://www.ncoa.org/article/emergency-preparedness-101-what-to-do-before-during-and-after-disaster/>

Check out our social media accounts to stay updated as well!



**Facebook:** @townofhuntington



**Instagram:** @townofhuntington

## Family Emergency Supply Checklist (Part 2)

- An alternate cooking source. Store a barbecue along with charcoal, starter fluid, and matches or a gas propane grill in case utilities are out of service. Do not use these methods of cooking within the home, or even near an open window, the carbon monoxide given off by these devices can kill.
- Extra blankets and clothing may be required to keep warm. Wear sturdy shoes to protect feet from broken glass and debris.
- Special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members. Have at least one week supply of current medications and food for infants and those on special diets.
- Tools. Have a crescent or pipe wrench to turn off gas and water if necessary and know the location of the shut-off valves.
- Secure important documents in a waterproof container. Consider keeping a list of included items.
- Miscellaneous: sunscreen, toiletries, bug spray, aspirin, epipen, etc.

# Family Emergency Supply Checklist (Part 1)

- Flashlights with extra batteries. Keep flashlights with extra fresh batteries beside your bed and in several other locations. Do not use matches,
- Portable radio with extra batteries. Almost every telephone, cell phone, and landline will be out of order or limited to emergency use. The radio will be the best source of emergency information.
- First aid skills. Keep your first aid kit well stocked and in a central location. Take basic first aid and CPR courses. Keep your current skills.
- Food. Store a fourteen day or two weeks worth of supplies for food for each person in the household. 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, cooling utensils, a thermos, paper plates and bowls, and plastic utensils. Include food for your pets as well. Store all food in air-tight containers and replace them every six months.
- Water. Store a fourteen day or two weeks worth of supplies of water which is one gallon of water per person per day. Keep a disinfectant such as iodine tablets to purify water, if necessary. Pack a reusable water bottle and bring a bowl for your pets if you have any.

# Important Documents

In the event of an emergency, what documents do I need?

- Driver's License/Photo ID
- Birth Certificates
- Social Security Cards
- Passports
- Insurance Policies & Cards
- Medical Reports & History
- Property Deeds & Titles
- List of Medications & Allergy
- List of Medical History & Procedures
- Emergency Contact Information List
- Tax Documents
- Any Other Vital Information



## Where should I store my important documents?

You should store your critical documents in multiple formats using the 3-2-1 backup rule: 3 copies, 2 locations, 1 offsite.

- Keep original hard copies in a portable fireproof/waterproof safe or safe deposit box. (one copy, one location)
- Carry digital copies on an encrypted USB flash drive in your emergency grab-and-go bag. (multiple copies, a second location, and an offsite location)

# Island Harvest Emergency Food Services

## Are you finding yourself unable to provide food for you and your family?

Whether it is due to a natural disaster or not, Island Harvest is here to help put food on your table.

Check out <https://www.islandharvest.org/emergency-response-resources/find-a-food-pantry/> to find a food distribution site near you.

## Are there any programs I can apply for to help me?

Yes! You might be eligible to apply to SNAP.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps individuals and families with limited income access nutritious food. By providing an electronic benefit card, SNAP makes it easier to buy groceries at most stores, ensuring that everyone can enjoy a balanced diet. To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, visit <https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin>.

## Are you interested in volunteering ?

Go visit <https://www.islandharvest.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/> to volunteer today!

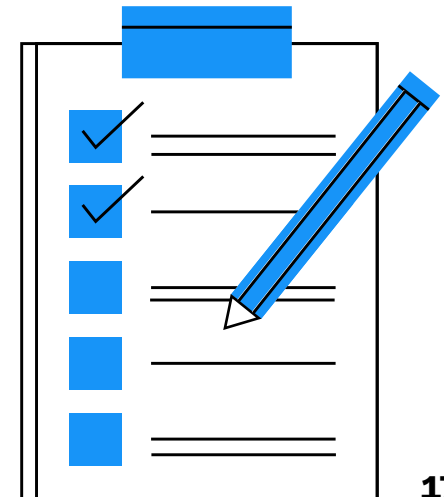


All information is from [Islandharvest.org](https://www.islandharvest.org)



# Your Family's Hurricane Response Plan (Part 2)

- Know how and when to turn off water, gas, and electricity in your home. Make sure to fuel your vehicles.
- Determine if your family has any special needs and make a plan for meeting those needs. Example: If you have a family member on a life-support system, does your electric utility and local emergency responders know about it?
- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones. Be sure that all these numbers are regularly updated. Make sure your cell phones are charged.
- Inventory household items with photographs. Make sure you have some cash on hand.
- Teach all family members, including children, how and when to call 911 for fire, police, and/or emergency assistance.
- If you happen to have a corded, phone do not use it if you hear thunder or see lightning because electricity can travel through the cord.
- Check your insurance coverage. Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Consult FEMA's Web site, [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), for more information about flood insurance.



# Your Family's Hurricane Response Plan (Part 1)

Prepare for your family and loved ones in advance of an emergency by developing your own family response plan. It is important that you do not wait until a warning has been issued. Here are some suggestions....

- Know where your local shelter is and prepare a “Go Kit” with supplies you will need should you have to evacuate. (See pages 20-21 on how to assemble your own “Go Kit”).
- Listen to local media reports and 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
- Secure any construction supplies and outdoor furniture and pick-up loose items, such as hanging plants, around your property.
- Contact family and friends to 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.
- Make a plan now for what to do with you, your family, and 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.



# Knowing How & When to Dial 911



## What is 911?

911 is the universal emergency telephone number used in the United States and Canada. Dialing it connects you directly to a local emergency dispatch center, which quickly sends police, fire departments, or emergency medical services to your location.

## How does 911 work?

911 is free to use from any phone. Cell phones without an active service plan can even place a 911 call as long as they are charged. Most areas use "Enhanced 911," which automatically provides dispatchers with your physical address or cell phone's GPS coordinates.

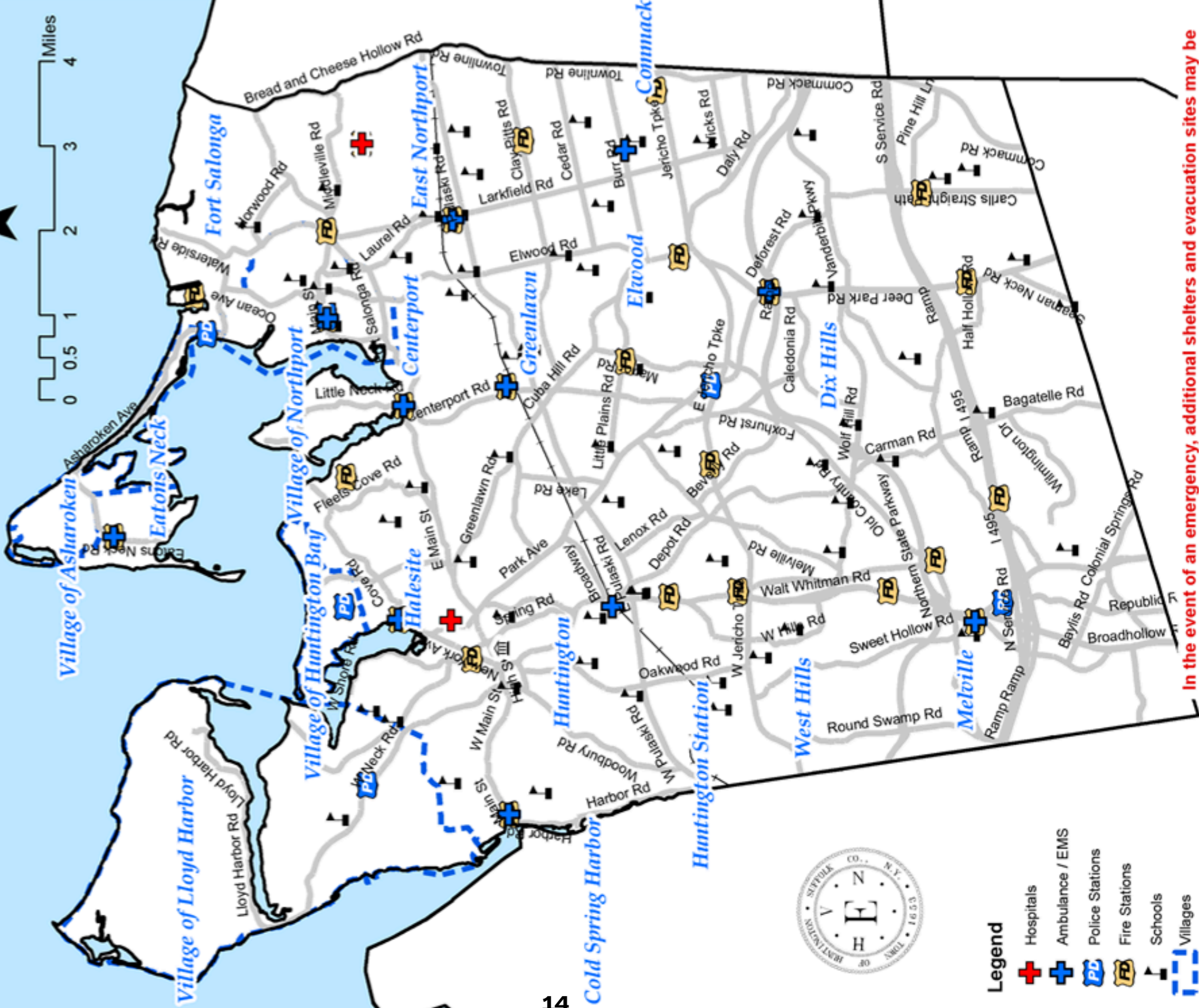
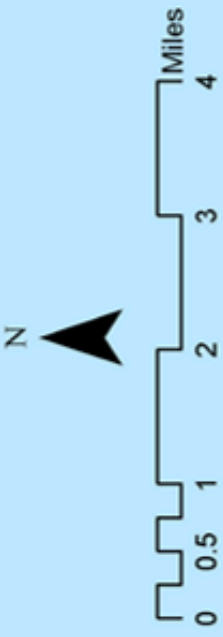
## When is it appropriate for me dial 911?

You should only call 911 in emergency situations, any scenario that requires immediate action to protect life, safety, health, or property. Some examples of when it is appropriate include: medical emergencies, fires, burglaries, and gun violence. If you are ever in doubt about whether a situation qualifies as an emergency, it is highly recommended to call. Let the trained operator decide if emergency assistance is needed or not.

## When is it not appropriate for me to dial 911?

Do not use 911 for non-emergencies, such as asking for general information, checking the weather, reporting minor traffic violations that have already ended, or as a joke. Calling for any of these matters can block lines and delay help for people caught in life threatening situations. For non-emergency police or city services, dial 311 instead.

# Town of Huntington



- Legend**
- Hospitals
  - Ambulance / EMS
  - Police Stations
  - Fire Stations
  - Schools
  - Villages
  - 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**