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STORM PREP RECOMMENDATION GUIDE

STORM PREP

PRE-STORM

Many times we hear reports of a major event only to find it passes by. This can lead to complacency and ill preparedness. When a major event does hit, it can lead to panic. It is better to be fully prepared. We would recommend the following:

- 1) Check food and water supply, well in advance of a storm, stock up on non-perishable goods (soups, pasta, rice, packaged foods)
- 2) Check flashlights and lanterns, and MOST IMPORTANT batteries.
- 3) Fill up gas tanks in cars and gas tanks at home for those who have generators.
- 4) Check status and operation of generators BEFORE the storm to insure operation.
- 5) Have a list of contacts who can help you out during and after the storm event.
- 6) Make sure all cell phones are fully charged.

STORM EVENTS

If power is lost, use battery operated flashlights and lanterns.

If power is lost, make sure to turn off all light switches, electric cooking appliances, TV's radios etc. When power is finally restored, the surge may cause damage to appliances or possible fire hazard (electric stoves left on and combustibles left on the stove inadvertently)

Avoid the use on candles unless in a fully contained container.

Do not use "tea light" candles as they may present a fire hazard.

NEVER leave a candle unattended. Make sure someone is in the room at all times

NEVER place candles near combustible materials like curtains, furniture etc.

Keep candles out of reach of children and pets (a swipe of the tail may cause a problem.

GENERATOR SAFETY

NEVER use a gas generator in the home or in a built in garage. There is a danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Use ONLY outdoors in a well ventilated area.

DO NOT overload your generator. Read your instruction manual. TV's and computers may overload the system causing damage to the generator or fire hazard.

For those who "backload" their generators, make sure that when power is restored, you unplug your generator immediately to prevent a fire hazard.

STORM SAFETY

STAY INDOORS- Wind blown objects, falling trees and branches as well as downed wires present the greatest hazard. If you observe these types of problems, contact the authorities. Your Fire Department is well trained to handle these types of situations, and they will co-ordinate with power company emergency crews to make the area safe as quick as possible. However, you must realize that this may take time as we are not the only areas hit with these problems. Please be patient.

If you must go outdoors, be aware of your surroundings. Be aware of trees or branches that are down or could come down. STAY AWAY FROM ALL DOWNED WIRES.....

MOST IMPORTANT-ALWAYS ASSUME ANY DOWNED WIRE IS LIVE. Just because it looks like a cable or telephone wire does not mean it isn't charged. It is possible that an electrical wire out of your sightline is draped over these wires and has charged the downed lines. Contact the authorities if you see a downed wire.

The Hastings Fire Department is well trained to handle ANY emergency that may arise. We have the utmost concern for your safety and will act in the best possible way to assist the people of Hastings.

GAS EMERGENCIES

Know the signs of a gas leak

SMELL-an unpleasant odor much like rotten eggs.

SIGHT- a white cloud, mist, fog or bubbles in standing water.

SOUND- roaring, hissing or whistling.

If you smell gas inside get out of the building and take everyone with you. Dial 911 from outdoors.

If outside, move away from the area you think has a leak.

DO NOT use a phone, light a match, start a car, turn on or off lights, flashlights, appliances or anything else that may cause a spark and cause the gas to explode

Only when in a safe area dial 911 or Con Ed Emergency 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633)

Don't assume someone else has called.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

911 for any EMERGENCY

478-2344- direct line to Hastings Police Department

914-752-6633 Con Ed emergency line to report EMERGENCY electric or gas emergencies.