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STORM PREPARATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HAMDEN **HOUSEHOLDS**

Hamden - Mayor Scott D. Jackson wishes to assure Hamden residents that the Town is in full-scale preparation mode for the weather event that started today. In addition, there are steps that residents should take to protect themselves, their families and their property from the anticipated storm.

1: CREATE AN EMERGENCY KIT. This kit should include the following items:

Water -at least 1 gallon daily per person for up to 3 days

Food -at least enough for 3 days

- non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices
- foods for infants or the elderly
- snack foods
- non-electric can opener
- cooking tools / fuel
- paper plates / plastic utensils

Blankets / Pillows, etc.

Clothing -seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes

First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs

Special Items -for babies and the elderly

Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes

Flashlight / Batteries

Radio - Battery operated

Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set

Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards -Banks and ATMs may not be available

Keys

Toys, Books and Games

Important documents -in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag, insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.

Tools -keep a set with you during the storm

Vehicle fuel tanks filled

Spare fuel should be stored in a the proper container

Pet care items

- proper identification / immunization records / medications
- ample supply of food and water
- a carrier or cage
- muzzle and leash

2. **CHARGE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES** required for communication or entertainment.

3. **BE PREPARED TO SHELTER IN PLACE.** It is not advisable to try to drive during a storm event. You should be prepared to shelter in place until the storm event subsides.

4. **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.** If you have an elderly, disabled or infirm neighbor, please take a moment to check in on them and ensure that they are safe.

5. **KEEP OUTSIDE VENTS CLEARED OF ACCUMULATED SNOW TO PREVENT BUILD UP OF CARBON MONOXIDE, OTHER GASES AND TO ALLOW FOR PROPER VENTILATION OF ALL APPLIANCES.**

6. **REVIEW YOUR FAMILY EMERGENCY HOUSEHOLD EVACUATION PLAN.**

An emergency evacuation plan has two parts: evacuation from your house and evacuation from your neighborhood.

Important points to remember when creating an evacuation plan for your home are:

- You should have at least two (2) escape routes from each room.
- You should mark the locations of any escape ladders, or other special equipment.
- You should mark the locations of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, first aid kits, disaster kit.
- You should mark the locations of the shutoffs for gas, water, and electricity.
- For people with medical conditions or disabilities, mark their location as well as the location of any special equipment they will immediately need.

- Should it be deemed necessary, Hamden's Emergency Shelter may be opened and will be located at Hamden High School, 2040 Dixwell Avenue. You should plan multiple routes to this location.

At the time of an emergency, your family may not be together. It is important to choose family meeting places. Remember that bridges may be out and roads may be blocked by debris, so choose your meeting places carefully with access in mind. Pick places that are easy to identify, that can be reached on foot if necessary, and that are in an accessible, open area. You should have a phone list of 3 contacts, outside of your area. Each family member should carry a personal copy of this list. In an emergency, communications may be down in your area.

In addition to the Town's website, regular updates regarding storm conditions and the Town's efforts will be posted on Facebook at “Town of Hamden” and on Twitter @townofhamden.

For up to date local information, please use the following media outlets:

TV

WTNH – Channel 8
WFSB – Channel 3

WVIT – Channel 30

Radio

WQUN – AM 1220
WELI – AM 960

WKCI – 101.3 FM
WPLR – 99.1FM

**FOR ANY NON-EMERGENCY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL (203) 230-4000.
IN THE EVENT OF A TRUE EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911.**

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