

NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Hurricanes, blizzards, ice, wind,
flooding and rain storms

SUGGESTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR HELP DURING A NATURAL DISASTER

BEFORE THE STORM

PRE – PLANNING IS KEY

1. Have trees trimmed near power lines and overhanging your home access.
2. Have your generator, snow blowers and battery powered radio ready
3. Don't forget keep a supply of flashlights, extra batteries, non perishable food, bottled water, first aid kit, blankets, prescription medications, hygiene supplies and emergency CASH
4. If you must go out let someone know.

LEAVE IMMEDIATELY IF TOLD TO DO SO.



Town of North Stonington

DURING THE STORM

1. Monitor media outlets for official news of the storm's progress
2. Stay inside your home. **DO NOT** leave unless told to by emergency officials
3. Turn off all propane tanks, and do not use candles
4. Unplug small appliances
5. Stay away from windows and doors
6. Turn refrigerator to coldest settings and keep closed
7. Fill a bathtub, sink or large containers with water for sanitary purposes
8. **NO On Street Parking**

USE OF A GENERATOR

PORTABLE GENERATORS

WITHOUT A MAIN DISCONNECT SWITCH Cannot be connected directly into the house. Turning off main circuit breaker does not completely disconnect power from street pole service. Your generator electricity can still be back fed through the neutral lines to the street.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

The North Stonington Elementary School located on Route 2 is the Town's designated shelter, and will be opened upon demand.

The North Stonington Senior Citizens Center, located behind Holly Green will also be utilized if electrical power is available.

Please contact the Selectmen's Office (535-2877 x10) if you or a family member have a special medical need for priority power, plowing, and/or health service needs or contact the Southeastern Connecticut Visiting Nurses Association (444-1111) as appropriate.

AFTER THE STORM

1. Monitor media outlets for official news of the storm passing and road conditions
2. Wait until an area is declared **SAFE** before entering or re-entering.
3. Stay away from moving water, flooding, road washout, and watch for downed power lines, and downed trees.

Town and Emergency Contact Numbers

For Fire, Ambulance, and Police

Emergencies **911**

Non Emergency Contacts-

N. Stonington Vol. Fire Co 535-0937

N. Stonington Ambulance 535-1145

Connecticut State Police 848-6500

Public Works-Highway Dept 535-0924

Selectmen's Office 535-2877