ARE YOU READY?

The Kingston Emergency Management Agency wants to help you make sure that you are ready and prepared for any weather event or Natural Disaster that could lead to sheltering, evacuation or prolonged loss of utilities. Here are some suggestions that may help you prepare as well as contact numbers and websites that may offer you guidance and answers.

Things to consider:

- If a family member will need electricity for life support, contact the Kingston Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management in advance.
- All families should develop a “Family Emergency Communication Plan” to help ensure everyone is safe.
- Report downed power lines immediately, call 911, **DO NOT GO NEAR THEM, AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE THEM!**
- Follow directives as to if you can drive and when you can drive. If you do not need to be out, do not go out on the roads!
- If Trees are down, contact the Department of Streets, Trees and Parks at 781-585-0513.
- Report all broken Natural Gas mains and Water Mains promptly.
- Make arrangements to properly store, relocate or salvage frozen foods if power is due to be out for over 24 hours.

The decision whether or not schools will be in session will be made by the SCHOOL DEPARTMENT by 5:30am. If classes are cancelled, the cancellation notice will be broadcast by the School Department using their Blackboard Connect System and will also be broadcast on local news media.

**DO NOT CALL 911 OR THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO INQUIRE ABOUT SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS.**
GENERAL:
- MAKE ONLY ESSENTIAL TELEPHONE CALLS
- CONSERVE THE BATTERIES ON YOUR CELL PHONES
- IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, BY ALL MEANS, CALL 911.
- PLEASE BE PATIENT AND REALIZE THAT TIME ESTIMATES FOR RESTORING ANY SERVICE ARE ONLY APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED ON CONDITIONS AT THE TIME OF THE ESTIMATE. IN DEVELOPING SITUATIONS ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!
- RESTRICT WATER AND ELECTRICITY USAGE TO ESSENTIALS. REMEMBER THAT CAPACITIES MAY BE LIMITED UNTIL ALL SERVICES ARE FULLY RESTORED.

TO HELP KEEP YOU AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE, CHECK THE FOLLOWING AND BE PREPARED:
- Working flashlight with extra batteries
- Portable Radio with extra batteries
- Charge any batteries that need charging
- Three (3) day supply of food and water
- Necessary Prescription Drugs
- Car gas tank full
- Supply of canned foods
- First Aid Supplies
- Fresh Water in Containers
- Check Propane or Charcoal for cooking on grills OUTSIDE!

REMEMBER:
- Stay Calm
- Secure all outside furniture
- Bring small loose items inside
- Tape extra large windows
- Be prepared to leave if you live in a low area
- Listen to the TV, Radio or Outreach Messages from the Town.
- Use water sparingly until all services are restored.

IF YOU ARE EVACUATING YOUR HOME FOR ANY REASON:
- Turn off all oil and gas burners and furnace.
- Turn off water meter at the service.
- Turn off electrical power at the main switch.
- Secure and lock the house when leaving.

DO NOT DO!
- Do Not Panic
- Do Not Use Charcoal or Propane for Indoor Cooking
- Do not touch ANY downed wires
- Do not run generators inside buildings
- Do not go outdoors unless absolutely necessary during emergencies
One of the greatest hindrances in restoring services is people sightseeing on foot or driving around in problem areas. Remember that under certain circumstances the Governor may declare all roads closed and no travel shall take place! And any person interfering with emergency services, including snow removal may be subject to arrest.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911 IMMEDIATELY!**

For your convenience, listed below are some additional Kingston Telephone numbers;

- **KINGSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:** 781-585-0531, 0532
- **KINGSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:** 781-585-0523
- **BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S OFFICE:** 781-585-0500
- **STREETS, TREES AND PARKS DEPARTMENT:** 781-585-0513
- **WATER DEPARTMENT:** 781-585-0504
- **WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT:** 781-422-2253
- **COUNCIL ON AGING:** 781-585-0511
- **KINGSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** 781-585-3821
- **KINGSTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL:** 781-585-0472
- **SILVER LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL:** 781-582-3555
- **SILVER LAKE HIGH SCHOOL:** 781-585-3844

**POWER OUTAGES:**

- **EVERSOURCE:** 800-592-2000
- **COMCAST:** 800-266-2278

**HELPFUL WEBSITES:**

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
- Kingstonmass.org (Town of Kingston website)

**BLACKBOARD CONNECT:**

The Town of Kingston maintains an automated callout system for Emergencies and Outreach messages. All residents are encouraged to sign up for this free service. You may do so on the Town website or by contacting the Kingston Fire Department at 781-585-0531 or 0532 and ask for the office staff to assist you.
STORM AND EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

CHECKLIST

___ Foods (canned goods and nonperishable foods) that do not need cooking
___ Utensils, such as, a manual can opener, disposable plates, cups, forks, knives, spoons, etc.
___ Drinking water in non-breakable containers (1 gallon per person, per day)
___ Special Dietary Food if required
___ Identification, valuable papers, policies and photographs in a waterproof container
___ Personal Hygiene items
___ First Aid kit
___ Thermometer
___ Medications, prescription and over the counter, such as aspirin and antacid
___ Specific Medical Information
___ Personal aids, such as, eyeglasses, hearing aids, canes, etc.
___ Infant/Child care items, such as diapers and formula
___ Special items necessary for the elderly
___ Pet food/Pet care items including leashes and cages
___ Books, magazines and toys
___ Battery operated radio
___ Flashlight
___ Extra batteries
___ Matches
___ Portable outdoor camping stove or grill with necessary fuel (for outside use)
___ Sleeping bag, blanket, sheet, pillow
___ Change of clothing
___ Rainwear and/or warm clothing
___ Tool kit
___ Cash
___ Cell phone with a charger