Town of Greenwich

Community Hurricane Preparedness
The Town of Greenwich takes the following steps during hurricane season:

- Review the emergency operations plan
- Monitor any weather that might progress into a threat
- Communicate with community partners
  - Red Cross
  - Utilities
Similar steps that residents can take:

• Talk with household to have an evacuation plan in place
• Know how to secure your home
• Know where your house is located in relation to the flood plain and find your insurance policy
96 Hours to Landfall

Getting the house in order - Town

• Inventorying and maintaining all emergency response equipment
• Coordinating communications across departments and agencies
• Develop a staffing plan for storm and response
96 Hours to Landfall

Getting the house in order - Resident

• Prepare an emergency kit
• Review your households emergency plan
• Have a plan for your pet
• Monitor the news for breaking weather or evacuation information
72 Hours to Landfall

Ready to Execute – Town

• All shelters identified and inspected
• Overnight sleeping arrangements for 24-hour staffing opened
• Open Emergency Operations Center
  – Routine cross departmental and agency communications continue
• Monitor weather
72 Hours to Landfall

Ready to Execute – Resident

• Monitor Weather
• Unplug electrical appliances. Turn off natural gas appliances at the appliance if necessary
• Cover the windows.
• Protect your valuables; inventory all valuables
• Gather essential supplies and important papers.
• Fill your car’s gas tank.
48 Hours to Landfall

Mobilization of Resources – Town

• Move equipment to higher ground
• Verify emergency staffing and cancel any scheduled time off
• Check catch basins
• Complete the transfer of relief aid to sheltering locations
• Continue to monitor the weather
48 Hours to Landfall

Mobilization of Resources – Resident

• Listen to local officials – *leave if told to do so.*
• If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows.
• The worst part of the storm will happen once the eye passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction.
• Be alert for tornadoes. Remain indoors, in the center of your home
HURRICANE (SLOSH Model) Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes
24 Hours to Landfall

Continue best practices – Town

- Meet in the Emergency Operations Center every 4 hours
- Continue to leverage Town resources in preparation of landfall, so long as it is safe
- Begin to field and respond to emergency service calls from residents
24 Hours to Landfall

Continue best practices – Resident

• Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for evacuation instructions. *If advised to evacuate, do so immediately, and;*
  – Keep your evacuation place telephone number handy, along with a road map
  – Take prescription medications and medical supplies, bedding and clothing, bottled water, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, first aid kit, flashlight, car keys and maps, and important papers.
  – Stay away from flood waters.
Landfall

Ensuring “Life and Safety” – Town

• When sustained winds are less than 50 mph:
  – Respond to emergency calls for service
  – Clear road ways and direct traffic
  – Continue to routinely coordinate in the Emergency Operations Center
  – Provide relief to those in need
Landfall

Ensuring “Life and Safety” – Resident

• Shelter in place until “all clear” is indicated by the Town
Aftermath

First steps toward normal – Town

• Continue to shelter and feed those residents in need
• Issue any health alerts that are applicable
• If winds are below 50 mph:
  – Continue to respond to emergency calls for service
  – Begin repairs on key infrastructure
Aftermath

First steps toward normal – Resident

• Return home when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
• Inspect your home for damage.
• Use flashlights in the dark; do not use candles.
• Call your utility company if your service needs to be restored
• Catalog all damage
In Summary

• The Town and its partners are well prepared to respond to a severe weather event
• Residents have a responsibility to be equally prepared regarding their health and property
• Remember to take a preparedness handbook home with you tonight
• Consider volunteering
Thank You

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