

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

Office of Emergency Management

Residents,

Please take a moment to review these winter storm preparation tips and reminders. If you need additional resources or further assistance to better prepare yourself and family or someone you know, please don't hesitate to call or email myself or the OEM staff; we're happy to help.

Are you Ready?

A winter storm can last a few hours or several days and may likely negatively impact heating, power, and communication services. Please ensure you have made adequate preparations for you and your family in case of a prolonged emergency, especially one without power.

- Stock up and charge up
- Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication
- Do not forget the needs of pets
- Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights
- Obey all safety rules if using a generator
- Be a good neighbor and consider elderly friends, relatives, neighbors and those with special needs; check in with them ahead of the storm on their plans and arrangements. Especially those who rely on electricity for medical equipment.

Before and during the storm pay attention to weather forecasts as they may change and conditions vary across the region. Monitor official local weather news and apps for updates for timing and expected impacts for our immediate area.

Resources

Emergency notifications and important updates will be issued through **ALERT LongHill** and posted on the Long Hill Township website www.longhillnj.gov Please register for alerts so we can reach you! <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=longhill>

Social Media should not be used to report storm-related issues and will not be monitored by Emergency Services.

If you have an emergency CALL 911 for Police/Fire/EMS. **DO NOT call 911 for storm related power issues.**

Power Outages – Report power outages to 1-800-LIGHTS (1-800-544-5477). Text REG to 544487 (LIGHTS) to setup text alert notifications.

Water and Sewer Service Emergencies - Call NJ American Water at 1-800-272-1325

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A word about Social Media .The Long Hill Township <https://www.facebook.com/LHTownship/> and Long Hill Police Department <https://www.facebook.com/LHPDNJ/> These official Facebook pages are good resources for information, but please be aware that these sites meant for disseminating information to the public and are not constantly monitored. Facebook posts should NEVER be used as a way to ask questions or to ask for assistance. Pay attention to official announcements only.

Go-To- Center. In the event of significant storm impacts and extended power outages warming and charging center will be made available for Long Hill residents at the Library Community Room. Masks and social distancing requirements will be strictly enforced. Notifications on availability and hours are made through ALERT LongHill and the Township website.

Travel – Avoid driving during the storm. If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food, and water in your vehicle along with warm clothing in case of an emergency.

A reminder on generator safety - If you use a portable generator use the manufacturer provided installations and safety requirements and remember never use the generator inside the home, garage, basement or any partially enclosed area. Opening doors and windows will not prevent CO buildup in the home. Keep them away from doors windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.

Last, help your community and Fire Departments – If you can do so safely, shovel sidewalks and clear fire hydrants nearest to your home. Please avoid all non-essential travel during the snowstorm. Stay home! Keep vehicles off snow covered roads to allow our Public Works to remove snow and emergency services clear access to serve you.

Thank you,

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