

2007 Hurricane Preparedness

“Be Prepared”

The hurricane/coastal storm season in New York State begins June 1 and runs through November 30. New Yorkers everywhere, including right here in Schoharie County, need to begin taking steps to prepare themselves and their families for this storm because past history reveals that the entire state, from Montauk to Buffalo, is vulnerable to the effect of hurricanes in Atlantic coastal areas and from extensive flooding if a storm moves inland.

Here are some steps you should take now:

- Know the hurricane risks in your area. Learn the storm surge history and elevation of your area.
- Find out what emergency plans are in place in your community and how you will be notified in the event of an emergency.
- Learn about local sheltering plans.
- Make sure that you have enough non-perishable food and water supplies on hand.
- Have at least a week's supply of medications on hand.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Review your insurance policy.
- Make plans now on what to do with your pets should you be required to evacuate your home because public health regulations do not allow pets in public shelters and most hotels/motels do not allow them.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- **Call 911 ONLY** if you have an emergency.
- Schoharie County Emergency Management Office 518-295-2276.
- For non-emergency resource assistance call 211.
- For information about road closures call 511.
- Sign-up for NY-ALERT at www.nyalert.gov or call NY-ALERT by calling 1-888-697-6972.