

2007 Hurricane Preparedness

“Weathering the Storm”

The National Weather Services has issued a High Wind Warning and a Flood Watch for Schoharie County. The Schoharie County Office of Emergency Management advises you to take the following actions:

1. If you are traveling, find safe shelter immediately.
2. If you are at home or at work:
 - If you have been ordered to evacuate, do so. If not, stay put in a well constructed building.
 - Continue to listen to local radio, television reports or NOAA Weather Radio for latest information on the storm’s progress and for bulletins from emergency officials.
 - Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and open only when necessary.
 - Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
 - Turn off propane tanks.
 - Unplug small appliances.
 - Fill large containers with water.
3. If winds become strong:
 - Stay away from windows and doors even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway.
 - Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
 - If you are in a two-story house, go to an interior first-floor room, such as a bathroom or closet.
 - If you are in a multiple-story building and away from the water, go to the first or second floors and take refuge in the halls or other interior rooms away from the windows.
 - Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.
 - Remain indoors during a hurricane or coastal storm. Don’t be fooled by the “eye” or the lull that occurs as the storm center moves overhead. The other side of the hurricane “eye” has winds that will rapidly increase and will come from the opposite direction.

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.