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DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

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and fill out the **SWIFT911** Emergency Notification form on bottom of the homepage.
**THE FREEPORT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE
NEEDS YOUR INFORMATION TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AND PROTECTED.**

Call us at (516) 377-2196 for additional info and be sure to supply information for your E-mail address and text messaging.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Are you prepared to face an untimely disaster?

Freeport, a coastal community, is highly susceptible to Hurricanes, Nor'easters (storms that specifically affect the east coast), and strong winter storms. The severe damage from the impact of strong winds, storm surges, floods, tornados, and riptides present several potential risks to your personal property and life. Being prepared for natural or man-made disasters that can strike without warning is crucial. Along with your planning ahead, monitoring weather conditions and sending out the appropriate mass notifications to keep Freeport residents safe and informed is the responsibility of **Freeport's Emergency Management Team**.

Disasters can strike quickly and without warning, forcing you to evacuate your neighborhood, workplace, school, or home. If you were confined to any of these places, what would you do if your basic services—water, gas, electricity or telephones—were cut off? Although local officials and relief workers will be readily available, they may not be able to reach everyone right away. When it comes to being prepared before a disaster crisis hits, all residents are encouraged to have a **Family Emergency Plan and Disaster Supply Kit** available for immediate use. Your kit should have enough supplies to last at least **5 to 7 days** for each family member



Everyone shares a responsibility to prevent casualties and minimize damage.

This guide contains necessary information regarding actions that should be taken during an emergency to protect your family, property and yourself. The first step in this process is getting the information to get prepared. Disaster Preparedness includes:

- Developing a Family Plan
- Creating a Disaster Supply Kit
- Having a Place to go
- Securing your Home
- Having a Pet Plan
- Reviewing Online Vulnerability Information

EN LOS REFUGIOS PÚBLICOS NO SE PERMITE FUMAR, NI LLEVAR BEBIDAS ALCOHÓLICAS, ARMAS O MASCOTAS.

EQUIPO DE EVACUACIÓN PARA HURACANES

- Tenga el equipo listo para poder utilizarlo en unas horas. Incluya una radio con pilas, una linterna y lo siguiente:
- Botiquín de primeros auxilios
- Medicinas para dos semanas
- Mantas o sacos de dormir
- Mudas de ropa, lo indispensable para niños
- Artículos personales como libros y juguetes
- Documentos importantes (carné válido)
- Chequera, dinero efectivo, tarjetas de crédito

DESPUÉS DE LA TORMENTA

NO ENTRE EN ÁREAS EVACUADAS HASTA QUE LOS FUNCIONARIOS DE FREEPORT HAYAN TOCADO LA SIRENA.

- No se acerque a las áreas de desastre. ¡No vaya a mirarlas!
- Evite los cables de alta tensión que se hayan caído.
- Inspeccione las conexiones de electricidad, gas y agua antes de volver a prenderlas.
- Haga caso a cualquier orden de emergencia.
- Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la Oficina de Gestión de Emergencias de Freeport al 377-2188

¿Para qué se usan las **SIRENAS DE ALARMA** de emergencia del pueblo de Freeport?

Éstas constituyen el método primordial de notificación para los vecinos de Freeport. Se usarán en cualquier emergencia que requiera notificación inmediata a los vecinos del pueblo.

Las sirenas suenan por una de estas 3 razones:

- **Los sábados a las 12 del mediodía** como una prueba
- **Cada hora en punto** – se envía una notificación de emergencia a los vecinos. Todos los vecinos deberán llamar a la línea de auxilio para la gestión de emergencias al 377-2400 para recibir información importante.
- **Cada diez minutos** – se lleva a cabo una evacuación de emergencia. Preste atención a los funcionarios y si éstos le piden que evacúe, hágalo inmediatamente por su propia seguridad

TÉRMINOS QUE DEBE CONOCER

- Alerta: huracán:
Existen posibilidades reales de que se produzca un huracán.
- Huracán inminente:
Se prevé un huracán dentro de 24 horas.

ACTÚE AHORA PARA ESTAR PREPARADO

- Desarrolle un plan familiar de supervivencia y protección de su propiedad.
- Anticípese a las necesidades especiales de ancianos, enfermos, o personas conectadas a una máquina que mantenga sus constantes vitales.
- Colecte material para proteger sus puertas y ventanas.
- Haga un inventario de propiedad personal; salvaguarde documentos importantes en un lugar hermético.
- Planifique lo que hará con su mascota.
- Tenga a mano dinero en efectivo o cheques de viaje.
- Si su trabajo requiere que usted trabaje durante una tormenta, asegúrese desde ahora de que habrá al menos un adulto con sus hijos, con cualquier anciano, o persona con necesidades especiales.
- Prepare su equipo familiar de evacuación para huracanes.

HURACÁN INMINENTE

- Manténgase informado llamando a la línea de Gestión de Emergencias de Freeport al 377-2400
- Escuche la radio Meteorológica NOAA, radio local (WGBB, WHLI, WKJY) y las estaciones de televisión (News 12, Fox 5, ABC, NBC, o CBS) para las últimas novedades sobre las condiciones meteorológicas.
- Tenga una radio portátil y una linterna a mano.
- Vuelva a comprobar sus provisiones y el equipo de emergencia.
- Despeje su patio de objetos sueltos.
- Amarre bien su barco.
- Almacene agua potable en recipientes limpios
- Cierre todas las ventanas con tablas o cinta protectora y cierre los postigos.
- Planifique una ruta de evacuación sin problemas de inundación y averigüe a dónde tiene que ir para refugiarse.
- Si le piden que evacúe... ¡VÁYASE INMEDIATAMENTE!
Llévese su EQUIPO DE EVACUACIÓN PARA HURACANES.
Comuníquese a sus amigos y a su familia adónde se dirige.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Management Hotline	(516) 377-2400
Freeport Emergency Management	(516) 377-2196
Freeport Fire Department	(516) 378-0400
Freeport Police Dept Business	(516) 378-0700
Freeport Police Dept Emergency	911
Freeport Electric Dept Emergency	(516) 378-0146
Freeport Building Department	(516) 377-2243
Freeport Water and Sewer Services	(516) 377-2379
Freeport Water and Sewer off hours	(516) 377-0700
American Red Cross in Nassau County	(516) 747-3500
National Grid 24-hour Emergency	1-800-490-0045

WARNING SIRENS & RADIO

Are the primary method of emergency notification to the residents of Freeport. They will be used for any emergency, natural or man-made, that requires immediate notification to Village residents.

Sirens sound for one of three reasons:

12 noon on Saturdays - weekly test

Top of each hour - an emergency notification is going out to residents. All residents should call the Emergency Management Hotline at 377-2400 or tune their radios to 1690 AM for important information.

Every 10 minutes - an emergency evacuation is in progress. Listen to officials, and if you are told to evacuate, do so immediately for your own safety.

Freeport's Weather and Emergency Notification RADIO STATION 1690 AM

The Village of Freeport now has its own AM radio station broadcasting from our Emergency Operations Center. The station broadcasts weather 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this station. The Freeport Emergency Management Team will send out pre-recorded Emergency Notifications on this station when necessary and also has the capability to broadcast live. When the Village's Emergency Sirens sound at the top of the hour, turn to this station for important emergency notifications.

Do you have a plan for Evacuation?

In 2012 Hurricane Sandy prompted Freeport to order the evacuation of Freeport Residents living South of Merrick Road. Those that did not leave were in grave danger. Many people had to be rescued from their homes as flood waters rose while many could not be reached. Residents had to sit and wait hoping the water would stop rising and their homes and lives would be OK.

If you are asked to evacuate, you should do so without delay. The two Evacuation Routes for Freeport that have been established by Nassau County Emergency Management are Northbound via Grand Ave in Baldwin and the Meadowbrook Parkway. However with the residents of the barrier islands using the same evacuation routes, these roadways will be very congested with traffic. That means it is important for you and your family to have an **EVACUATION PLAN** to get to a safe shelter as quickly as possible. You should also have a **PLAN** if you don't have time to evacuate and need to shelter in place. This plan should make you as safe as possible in your home.

Using modifications to strengthen your home against storms and stocking medical, food, and water supplies are essential recommendations to include in your Disaster Prevention Plan. The suggestions provided here are guidelines that should not outweigh your common sense.



ONLINE VULNERABILITY INFORMATION

1. www.nassaucountyny.gov/1620/Emergency-Management
You can register online to receive emergency notifications.
2. www.salvationarmyusa.org/
Contact information for the Salvation army
3. www.redcross.org/
Provides emergency and disaster rescue services
4. www.weather.gov/
Type in 11520 to get current updates regarding Freeport's weather conditions
5. www.freeportny.gov
Access important information regarding weather/ disaster crisis management/updates.

UN PLAN PARA MASCOTAS

Contáctese a su veterinario o sociedad humanitaria local para información en el preparar a sus mascotas para una emergencia.



ANTES DEL DESASTRE

- Asegúrese que sus mascotas estan al día en sus vacunas. Los refúgios de mascotas pueden pedir prueba de ello..
- Tenga una foto actual

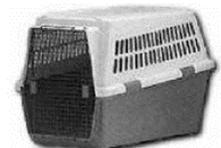
Si planea poner a su mascota en un refugio, incorpóre ello en la ruta de su plan de evacuación

DURANTE EL DESASTRE

- Animales traídos a los refúgios de mascotas requieren tener: collar de identificación y etiqueta de rabia (haber sido vacunado), identificación apropiada de sus pertenencias, una jaula o maleta para ser transportado, un lazo, suficiente comida y bebida, bandeja de comida y agua, cualquier medicamento necesario, instrucciones específicas de cuidado, y periódicos y/o fundas para limpieza.
- Traiga a las mascotas mucho antes de la tormenta.
- Asegúreles y mantengase calmado.
Los refúgios de mascotas se llenan de acuerdo a "los primeros que llegan son servidos". Llame por adelantado y asegúrese que hay espacio

Mochilita de provisiones para mascotas en caso de desastres.

- Identificación apropiada incluyendo inmunización
- Suficiente comida y agua.
- Una jaula y/o maleta para transportar.
- Medicaciones
- Bosál, collar y correa.



MOCHILITA (KIT) DE PROVISIONES DE DESASTRES

Agua, al menos 1 galón por persona al día por 3 a 7 días

Comida – suficiente para 3 a 7 días

- comida para infantiles y los ancianos.
- comida de aperitivo.
- Abridores de latas /utensílios para cocinar/combustible/platos de papel/utensílios plásticos



Sábanas y almohadas, etc.

Ropa adecuada al clima/ropa para la lluvia/zapatos durables.

Medicinas de primeros auxilios y medicamentos pre-escritos.

Cosas especiales – para los bebés y los ancianos.

Cosas para el baño, la higiene, toallitas húmedas de bebé

Teléfonos – celulares completamente cargados con baterías extras y un teléfono tradicional alámbrico.

Dinero en efectivo (denominación pequeña) y tarjetas de crédito:

Tarjetas de banco y ATM pueden no estar disponibles por cierto tiempo.

Llaves

Jugetes, libros y Juegos.

Documentos importantes: en un recipiente hermetico o una funda plastica re-sellable. _Tajeta de Seguro, reportes médicos, número de cuentas de banco, Seguro Social, etc.

Herramientas – mantenga un juego con usted dutante la tormenta.

Cosas para el cuidado de las mascotas.

Combustible para vehículos.

HAVE A PLACE TO GO

Develop a family disaster preparedness plan before an actual event threatens your area. If your family disaster preparedness plan includes evacuation to a safer location for any reason, then it is important to consider the following points:

If ordered to evacuate, do not wait or delay your departure.

If possible, leave before local officials issue an evacuation order for your area. Even a slight delay in starting your evacuation will result in significantly longer travel times as traffic congestion worsens. The designated evacuation routes for Freeport are Grand Ave in Baldwin and the Meadowbrook Parkway

Select an evacuation destination that is nearest to your home and minimize the distance over which you must travel in order to reach your intended shelter location.

In choosing your destination, keep in mind that the hotels and other sheltering options in Nassau County are likely to be filled very quickly in a large evacuation event.

If you decide to evacuate to another county or region, be prepared to wait in traffic.

The large number of people in this state who must evacuate during a disaster will probably cause massive delays and major congestion along most designated evacuation routes; the larger the event, the greater the probability of traffic jams and extended travel times. If possible, make arrangements to stay with the friend or relative who resides closest to your home and who will not have to evacuate. Discuss with your intended host the details of your family evacuation plan now!

If a hotel or motel is your final intended destination during an evacuation, make reservations before you leave.

Most hotel and motels will fill quickly once evacuations begin. Find Pet-Friendly hotels and motels.

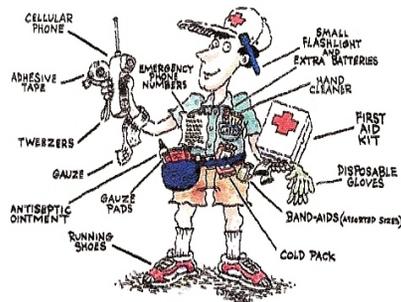
If you are unable to stay with friends or family and no hotels/motels rooms are available, then as a last resort go to a shelter.

Remember, shelters are not designed for comfort and do not usually accept pets. Bring your disaster supply kit with you to the shelter.

Make sure that you fill up your car with gas before you leave.

FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

- ✓ Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- ✓ Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for hurricane or tornado hazards. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but at other locations within your community.
- ✓ Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- ✓ Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- ✓ Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- ✓ Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- ✓ Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- ✓ Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
- ✓ Use a battery powered NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
- ✓ Take First Aid, CPR, and disaster preparedness classes.
- ✓ Check emergency equipment, such as flashlights, generators, first aid kits, and cell phones.



¿“Debiera yo evacuar”?

Después de muchos años, en 2011 el huracán Irene; pedirá el Condado de Nassau a ordenar la evacuación de los residentes de Freeport. Quienes no abandonen el área estarían en grave peligro si la marejada ocurre.

Cuando se ordena una evacuación, deben cumplir sin ningún retraso. Freeport ha establecido dos rutas de evacuación que se han establecido por el manejo de emergencias del Condado de Nassau. Que se le indique para ir hacia el norte a través de Grand Ave en Baldwin y el Meadowbrook Parkway. Congestión puede ser un problema debido a los residentes de la isla que utilizan las mismas rutas de evacuación. Establecer un PLAN de seguridad limita además de su PLAN de evacuación también es muy importante para garantizar que es seguro salir o quedarse sin dudarlo.

Con modificaciones para fortalecer su hogar contra las tormentas y siembra médico, alimentos y suministros de agua son recomendaciones esenciales para incluir en su Plan de prevención de desastres. Las sugerencias que se proporcionan aquí son pautas que no deben superar el sentido común.



INFORMACIÓN EN LÍNEA

1. www.nassaucountyny.gov/1620/Emergency-Management
-Usted puede registrarse para recibir notificaciones de emergencias.
2. www.salvationarmyusa.org/
-Información de contacto para el ejército de salvación local de Freeport
3. www.redcross.org/
-Proporciona servicios de emergencia y desastre rescate
4. www.weather.gov/
-Tipo de 11520 para obtener actual actualiza el clima de Freeport en cuanto a
5. www.freeportny.gov
-Acceder a información importante sobre gestión de crisis climáticas o desastres y actualizaciones.

¿ESTA USTED PREPARADO?

Freeport, una comunidad costera, es muy susceptible a los huracanes, ciclónicos (tormentas que afectan específicamente a la costa este) y las tormentas de invierno fuerte. Los graves daños por el impacto de fuertes vientos, tormentas, inundaciones, tornados y haber, presentan varios riesgos potenciales para su propiedad personal y su vida. Estar preparado para desastres que pueden ocurrir sin advertencia es crucial. Junto con su planificación anticipada, monitoreo de condiciones climáticas y enviando las notificaciones de masas apropiadas para mantener a los residentes de Freeport seguros e informados es responsabilidad del equipo de administración de emergencia de Freeport.

Los desastres pueden ocurrir rápidamente y sin advertencia, lo que le obliga a evacuar su vecindario, lugar de trabajo, escuela o casa. Si usted se limitara a cualquiera de estos lugares, ¿qué harías si tus servicios básicos: agua, gas, electricidad o teléfonos se dañan? Aunque los funcionarios locales y socorristas estará disponibles, no pueden ser capaces de llegar a todos enseguida. Cuando se trata de estar preparado antes de una de crisis de desastre, todos los residentes son animados a tener un Plan de emergencia familiar y desastres, suministro o Kit. disponible para su uso inmediato. El kit debe tener suficientes provisiones para durar al menos 5 a 7 días para cada miembro de la familia.



Prevenir la perdidas de vidas y reducir los daño a las propiedades y otros desastres causados por huracánes es una responsabilidad que todos compartimos.

Este panfleto le proveerá con acciones que usted puede tomar durante una emergencia, para proteger a su familia y su proiedad (es) Lo más importante que usted puede hacer es estar informado y preparado.

Preparaciones para un desastre incluyen

- Desarrollo de un plan familiar
- Crear/tener una mochilita (kit) de provisiones
- El tener un sitio donde ir.
- La seguridad de su casa
- Tener un plan para las mascotas.
- Los sitios de vulnerabilidad

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

- Water** - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 5 to 7 days
- Food** - enough for 3 to 7 days
 - non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices
 - foods for infants or the elderly
 - snack foods
 - non-electric can opener, cooking tools, fuel
 - paper plates, plastic utensils
- Blankets, Pillows, etc.**
- Clothing** - seasonal rain gear and sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit, Medicines and Prescription Drugs**
- Special Items** - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries, Hygiene items and Moisture wipes**
- Flashlight, Batteries and Radio** - Battery operated with NOAA weather radio
- Telephones** - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards** - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys**
- Toys, Books, and Games**
- Important documents** - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag
 - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, up to date photographs, etc.
- Tools** - keep a set with you during the storm
- Pet care items**
- Vehicle fuel tanks**



SECURE YOUR HOME

RETROFITTING YOUR HOME

The most important precaution you can take to reduce damage to your home and property is to protect the areas where wind can enter. According to recent wind technology research, it's important to strengthen the exterior of your house so wind and debris do not tear large openings in it. You can do this by protecting and reinforcing these five critical areas:

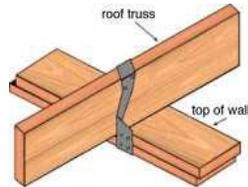
ROOF - STRAPS - SHUTTERS - DOORS - GARAGE DOORS

A great time to start securing - or retrofitting - your house is when you are making other improvements or adding an addition.

Remember: Building Codes reflect the lessons experts have learned from past catastrophes. Contact the Freeport Building Department at (516) 377-2241 to find out what requirements are necessary for your home improvement projects.

Roof to Top of Wall Connection

Metal hurricane straps or clips provide the proper measure of strength and safety for the roof-to-wall connection. The common practice of toenailing the trusses or rafters often is not sufficient to hold a roof in place in high winds. These clips or straps are usually very difficult to see from the attic because of insulation.



FREEPORT BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Members of the Building Department have been specially trained at the Federal Emergency Institute on methods of retrofitting existing property from floodwater and wind damage. If you have any questions or concerns about your property, or for more details, please contact the Building Department at **(516) 377-2241** or **buildingdept@freeportny.gov**.

The Freeport Memorial Library reference desk also offers information and reference material on retrofitting, how to read a flood map or a flood insurance rate map, and other FEMA publications.

El Departamento de Edificios de Freeport en conjunción con el Sistema de Clasificación Comunitario del Programa Nacional de Seguros contra Inundaciones ahorra a los residentes aproximadamente un 15% en las primas de seguro actuales.

Esto es un total, de \$951,303.00 ahorrado por los residentes de la villa o \$281.11 por cada póliza

El Sistema de Clasificación Comunitario (CRP) del Programa Nacional de Seguros contra Inundaciones (NFIP) es un programa de incentivos voluntario que reconoce y anima las actividades de manejo de la llanura de inundación de la comunidad que exceden los requisitos mínimos del NFIP.

El proceso actualmente descuenta las tarifas de seguros de inundación para reflejar la reducción de riesgo de inundación basado en que la comunidad que cumpla los tres objetivos principales de la CRS:

1. Reducir los daños causados por las inundaciones a los bienes asegurables;
2. Fortalecer y apoyar los aspectos de seguro del NFIP; y
3. Fomentar un enfoque integral del manejo de la llanura inundable.

La villa de Freeport se unió al programa de CRS en 1993. En 1999 la villa de Freeport fue seleccionada por FEMA como una de 23 comunidades a través del país como una comunidad modelo para sus actividades pro de la mitigación. En este tiempo hay 3,405 pólizas en Freeport. Siempre hemos adoptado una actitud agresiva en materia de mitigación mediante a la adopción de códigos más restrictivos, proyectos de divulgación, mantenimiento de drenaje y otros programas.

La calificación original del Departamento de Edificios de Freeport fue una Clase 10. Todos nuestros esfuerzos han mejorado nuestro estatus a Clase 7. Esta Clase 7 otorga a nuestros residentes una reducción del 15% en sus tarifas de seguro contra inundaciones.

Información de Residentes / Negocios

Dirección _____

Apellido, Nombre del Negocio

Número de teléfono _____

Número Celular _____

Correo Electrónico _____

¿Hay personas con necesidades especiales en esta residencia?)

Si [] No []

Si la respuesta es "sí" explique

¿Hay algo especialmente peligroso en esta localización, ejemplo:
perros bravos y peligrosos, materiales peligrosos, etc?

Si [] No [] Si la respuesta es "sí" explique

Contacto(s) en el caso de una Emergencia

Nombre _____

Número de teléfono _____

¿Tienen acceso a su residencia sus contactos? (Si) [] No []

Please mail this form to
Freeport Emergency Management
76 Church St, Freeport, NY 11520
Or FAX to 888-339-5624

Toda la información sera mantenida de manera confidencial en los
archivos del sistema de computadoras de la Villa de Freeport, y no
serían dados a una tercera

PET PLAN

Contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on
preparing your pets for an emergency.

BEFORE THE DISASTER

- Make sure that your pets are current on their vaccinations. Pet shelters may require proof of vaccines.
- Have a current photograph



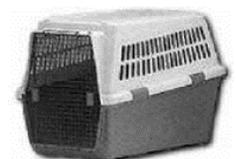
**If you plan to shelter your pet - work it into
your Evacuation Route Planning**

DURING THE DISASTER

- Animals brought to a pet shelter are required to have: Proper identification collar and rabies tag, proper identification on all belongings, a carrier or cage, a leash, an ample supply of food, water and food bowls, any necessary medications, specific care instructions and newspapers or trash bags for clean-up.
- Bring pets indoor well in advance of a storm - reassure them and remain calm.
- Pet shelters will be filled on first come, first served basis. Call ahead and determine availability.

PET DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

- Proper identification including immunization records. Tape a copy of the animal's records to their carrier or cage.
- Ample supply of food and water
- A carrier or cage
- Medications
- Muzzle, collar and leash



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

TERMS TO KNOW

Tropical Storm Watch:

Wind speeds of 39-73 mph or higher are expected within 36 hours.

Tropical Storm Warning:

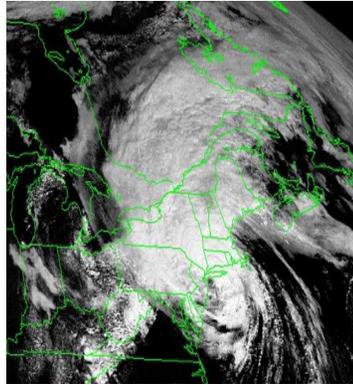
Wind speeds of 39-73 mph or higher are expected within 24 hours.

Hurricane Watch:

Wind speeds of 74 mph or higher are expected within 36 hours.

Hurricane Warning:

Wind speeds of 74 mph or higher are expected within 24 hours.



ACT NOW TO BE PREPARED

- ✓ Develop a family plan for survival and property protection.
- ✓ Make arrangements now for elderly and others with special needs such as those on life support.
- ✓ Secure your boat before a hurricane warning is issued, check all cleats, ropes, chocks, and winches for strength. Make sure batteries for bilge pumps are fresh. Ensure lines are high enough on pilings to allow for extreme ebb and flow during the storm surge.
- ✓ Inventory personal property; safely secure all records and valuable documents in a watertight place.
- ✓ Plan what you will do with your pet.
- ✓ Have emergency cash or travelers checks saved.
- ✓ If your job requires you to work during a storm, make sure now that at least one adult will be with the children, elderly or those with special needs.
- ✓ Put together a family hurricane evacuation kit.



PREPARE FOR HIGH WINDS:

- ✓ Install Hurricane Shutters or precut 3/4" marine plywood for each window of your home. Install anchors for the plywood and predrill holes so that you can put it up quickly. There are also new clear films that you can have installed over your glass that will protect it. This could also lower your insurance rates.
- ✓ Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased or damaged limbs, then strategically remove branches so the wind can blow through. Remove loose items from your yard.

Freeport Building Department in conjunction with National Flood Insurance community rating system saves residents approximately 15% on current insurance premiums.

Total of \$951,303.00 saved by Village residents or \$281.11 each policy

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

The process currently discounts flood insurance rates to reflect the reduced flood risk based upon the community meeting the three main goals of the CRS:

1. Reduce flood damage to insurable property;
2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and
3. Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

The Village of Freeport joined the CRS program in 1993. In 1999 the Village of Freeport was selected by FEMA as one of 23 communities throughout the country as a model community for its pro mitigation activities. At this time, there are 3,405 policies in Freeport. We have always taken an aggressive stance on mitigation by adopting more restrictive codes, outreach projects, drainage maintenance, and other programs.

The Freeport Building Department original rating was a Class 10. All our efforts have upgraded our status to a Class 7. This Class 7 entitles our residents to a 15% reduction in their flood insurance rates.

Protecting Your Property

Many homes in the frequently flooded areas can be elevated so that the lowest floor is raised above the flood protection level. Freeport's Building Department will help you determine if this is feasible with your property. The staff will show you photos of homes that have been elevated (both large and small) and will provide a list of contractors experienced in the elevation of existing houses.

Installation of floodwalls that are properly designed to resist water pressure and are of sufficient height can also decrease flood damage. This method works best where the floodwaters do not exceed 3 feet.

Dry flood proofing means sealing a building to keep floodwaters out. Walls are coated, openings such as windows, doors, etc. are closed permanently and can be temporarily sealed with removable shields or sandbags.

Wet flood proofing means modifying a building so that floodwaters will cause only minimal damage to the building and its contents.

Be sure the professional you hire to do your retrofitting project has experience in this type of work. Building permits must be obtained prior to beginning any work on the property. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new structure.

Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards, in other words, a residence damaged so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the building's value before it was damaged must be elevated above the base flood elevation.

FLOOD INSURANCE PROTECTION

This outreach project is part of the program that has granted Freeport residents a discount on flood insurance. The current discount for property owners has been increased to 15%. If you are not carrying flood insurance, speak to your insurance agent. Your regular homeowners insurance policy will not cover damage from floods. However, because Freeport participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you may purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone. If you have a mortgage **AND ARE IN A FLOOD ZONE**, you must have this insurance. For flood map information, contact the Building Department at (516) 377-2241.

WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED

- ✓ Stay informed by calling the Freeport Emergency Management Hotline at 377-2400 or listening to the Village of Freeport's Emergency Broadcast Radio Station at 1690 on the AM dial.
- ✓ Listen for weather updates from **Freeport's Weather and Emergency Notification RADIO STATION 1690 AM**, NOAA Weather radio, local radio (WGBB, WHLI, WKJY) and local TV stations.
- ✓ Re-check all emergency supplies and equipment.
- ✓ Clear your yard of all loose objects and secure your boat.
- ✓ Store drinking water in clean containers.
- ✓ Shutter or board all windows.
- ✓ If a family member is on life support please make sure you inform the Freeport Electric Department.
- ✓ Plan a flood-free evacuation route and know where to go for shelter.
- ✓ If ordered to evacuate - LEAVE IMMEDIATELY! Take your HURRICANE EVACUATION KIT. Let your friends and family know where you are going. Turn off water, gas, and electricity before leaving.
- ✓ NO SMOKING, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, WEAPONS OR PETS ARE ALLOWED IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.

DURING THE STORM

- ✓ Keep updated of the storm's status by listening to advisory reports on radio (AM 1690) or TV
- ✓ Stay away from windows or any glass-covered openings during storm and stay on the lowest floor you can.

AFTER THE STORM

- ✓ Stay away from disaster areas until Freeport officials have issued an all clear. Drive only when and where necessary - do not sightsee!
- ✓ Keep your identification handy - you may be asked to provide proof of residence.
- ✓ Avoid all downed power lines.
- ✓ Do not light matches or use candles inside until gas lines have been inspected by Keyspan.
- ✓ After flooding, do not attempt to turn on your power at the breaker. Call an electrician for assistance.
- ✓ Before you begin cleaning the area, take photos and video footage of the damage to your home and property. Keep receipts for repairs - you will need these for insurance purposes.
- ✓ Make sure you have all required building permits before attempting any repairs and hire only licensed contractors.
- ✓ If you have any questions call the Freeport Office of Emergency Management at 377-2188.

To better protect you the Village of Freeport NEEDS INFORMATION!

The Village of Freeport now uses Swiftreach911 to alert residents and businesses in times of emergency with a phone call directly to you.



The Emergency Management Office is using the system for notification of pending or existing emergency situations. The system will call the geographic area in the Village needing the notification. The Village may also be sending out friendly reminders to residents living in low-lying areas when there are astronomical high tides during full moons. Other potential uses involve Village agencies calling the public for water or sewage shut-offs, snow emergencies, upcoming construction and detours, hydrant flushing, missing children, Alzheimer's patients, crime alerts, etc.

The Swiftreach911 Notification System is built to identify a select group of phone numbers, call the number, and play a pre-recorded message giving emergency instructions to whom ever received the message

Caller ID – When you see 516-377-2200 displayed, you will know the call is from the Village of Freeport. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

The Village is requesting every resident and business, if you have not already done so, to complete the questionnaire in the center of this brochure and return it to the Village so that we can update our phone-listing database. You can also visit the Village's website at (www.freeportny.gov) and fill out the online form under "Swift911" Emergency Phone Notification located at the bottom of homepage. All information will be kept strictly confidential. **Additionally, if a person or business does not wish to be notified in an emergency, they can request that their phone number be removed from the database.**

We are also looking for an emergency contact in the event of a problem at your residence or business and you are not at that location. The emergency contact should have a key to the location and know any alarm codes.

Residents are requested to visit the Village's website at www.freeportny.gov and fill out the online "SWIFT911" form. This is the quickest way for residents to change their information on file. Please be sure to include info on E-Mail and text

Is My Property In The Flood Zone?

The map in this brochure shows the section of Freeport that has been designated a special flood hazard area by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If you live in this area, you are probably aware of the threat of flooding during various weather conditions, as well as the phases of the moon and the tides.

If you live in the flood zone and have never experienced a major flood, please take note of these important suggestions. Weather experts are predicting major storms as strong if not stronger than Sandy in the future. Sandy did bring flood waters to areas as far north as Merrick Road. In addition, computer predictions indicate that a storm surge during a major event could force flood waters even further north.

If you require information regarding your specific flood zone, the base flood information (BFE), whether your property is in a LIMWA (Line of Moderate Wave Action), flood depths, or if need to know if you are in a repetitive loss area, contact the Freeport Building Department.

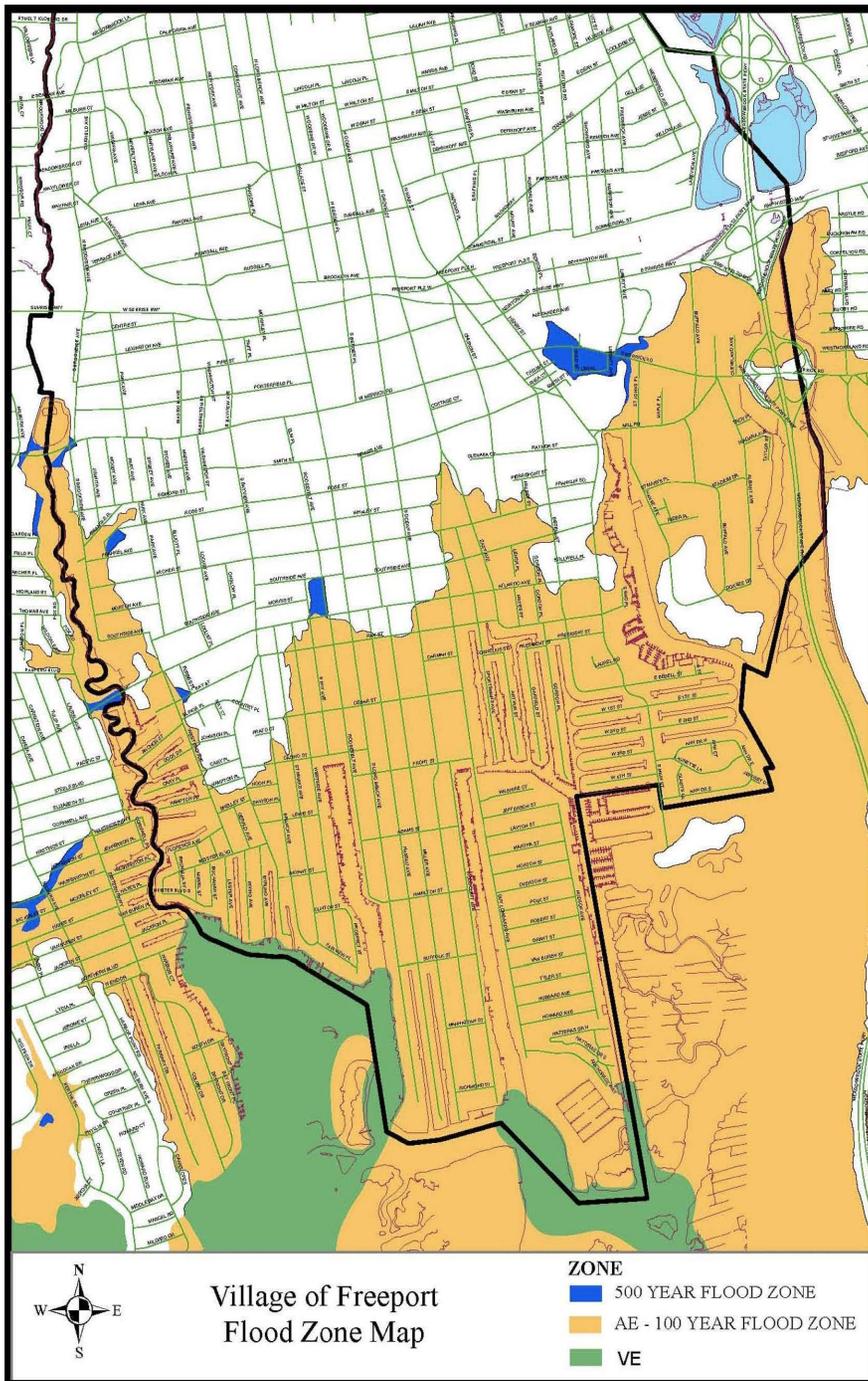
Building Department personnel are available to assist you during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will help you with permit requirements, map determinations, lowest level requirements, site visits and plan reviews to help you reduce the risk of flood damage to your property.



What You Can Do To Help Prevent Flooding

The Village's street drainage system is maintained by the Department of Public Works. Please report any kind of dumping or other conditions that are interfering with the proper functioning of this system. Violators may face fines up to \$1,000. If your property is located near a storm drain, make sure that it is not clogged with leaves and other debris. The roads and streets will not drain properly if these drains are clogged.

**National Flood Insurance Program
1-888-CALL-FLOOD ext. 445, TDD# 1-800-427-5593.**



Note: Superstorm Sandy exceeded this existing flood map by hundreds of feet. Just because you are not in the colored area you still should think about getting flood insurance.



COASTAL FLOOD MONITORING STATION

The coastal areas of Long Island and metropolitan New York are highly vulnerable to tidal flooding. Timely evacuation of people from flood-threatened areas in advance of approaching hurricanes and nor'easters (northeast coastal storms) requires adequate flood-warning time. The need for immediate information on coastal flooding has prompted the USGS, in partnership with the National Weather Service to establish a system of near real-time coastal flood-monitoring stations.

The shelter at each coastal flood-monitoring site contains equipment that records and stores data on the tide stage (water level) several times each hour. For some sites there also is equipment that collects weather data such as precipitation, wind speed and direction, air and water temperature, relative humidity, and barometric pressure. Information collected at each monitoring site is automatically transmitted to the USGS office by telephone, satellite, or both. USGS personnel visit each site regularly to verify the accuracy of data and maintain data collection and transmission equipment.

Near real-time data collected at each coastal flood-monitoring station is available over the internet at

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ny/nwis/uv/?site_no=01310521&PARAMeter_cd=72020.00065,00067,00010,00095.

This information could help speed the evacuation of flood-threatened areas and minimize disruption in flood-spared communities. It also provides the ability to monitor storm-tide levels in near real-time, helps improve the accuracy of coastal flood predictions, and generates data at sea-level rise.

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

Resident or Business Locations Information

Address _____

Resident or Business Name _____

Locations Phone Number _____ **Cell Number of Occupant** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Text messaging number and Provider _____

Are there people with special needs at this location? Yes [] No []

If yes, explain _____

Are there any special hazards at this location, i.e. dangerous dog, hazardous materials, etc

Yes [] No [] **If yes, explain**

Emergency Contact

Name _____ **Phone Number** _____

Do they have access to residence? Yes [] No []

Please mail this form to
Freeport Emergency Management 76 Church St, Freeport, NY 11520
Or FAX to 888-339-5624

When immediate notification is required, the Village will still use the Emergency Sirens.

*For information about the Swift911 system or this questionnaire, contact
Freeport's Office of Emergency Management at 516-377-2196*