

A Message from Closter's *Office of Emergency Management*

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Closter Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Preparedness is simply *planning ahead*.

A suggestion is to check and update your “Go-Bags” or “Home Kits” when you change your clocks during daylight savings times. Complete an Emergency Reference Card for *each* member of your family that should include Name, Date of Birth, Medical Information, Doctors(s), Cell Phone Numbers and any other address for emergency contact.

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What to have in your HAND....

Every household should consider assembling a *Go Bag*- a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. Each *Go Bag* should be packed in a sturdy, easy to carry container such as a backpack. It should be accessible if you have to leave your home in a hurry.

Copies of important documents in a water-proof and portable Container (insurance cards, birth certificates, deeds, photo Ids),

Proof of address, etc.

Personal hygiene items.

Extra set of car and house keys.

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What to have in your HOME....

Keep enough supplies in your home to survive on your own for at least **3** days.

One gallon of drinking water *per person per day*

Non-perishable, ready to eat canned foods and a manual can opener

First aid kit, medications & prescriptions

Flashlight, battery-operated AM/FM radio and extra batteries

Sturdy shoes, heavy gloves, warm clothes

Telephone that does **not** rely on electricity

WEATHER *DISASTERS*

Weather is monitored closely by various agencies.

Severe weather should be taken seriously.

In a *THUNDERSTORM*:

Avoid handling metal, electrical equipment, telephones, bathtubs, water faucets and sinks because lightening can follow the wires and pipes. Be especially careful with televisions.

In a *FLASHFLOOD*:

Seek high ground. Never attempt to drive your vehicle through standing water.

In a *TORNADO*:

Go to your basement or the lowest point of your residence, or an interior room or hallway without windows.

Nor'easters are tropical cyclones that can cause heavy rain/snow, strong winds and coastal flooding. Nor'easters can occur at any time of the year, but are most common between September and April.

If you are asked to evacuate, do so IMMEDIATELY!