

Residents,

We are expecting a fairly significant amount of snow with the next storm coming in to our area with the potential for high winds and power outages. Plan accordingly. Make sure your preparations are in place now for yourself and your family.

If you should lose power you need to report it. Restoration work is prioritized, it is very important for all residents to report their individual outage. Call **1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)** or visit the First Energy Website, click the "Report Outage" link on [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com).

We may experience very difficult travel conditions, Wednesday afternoon/evening. In addition, significant reductions in visibility are possible. Roads in the hilly areas may become impassable if the 1"+ per hour snowfall rates develop. Monitor the local weather service for updates as forecasts and conditions will change. <https://www.weather.gov/phi/> Check the road conditions and forecast data BEFORE you make a decision to travel. Information about road conditions will be available at the New Jersey Department of Transportation website: <http://www.511nj.org/>

Should local conditions dictate the need for warming shelters and other emergency measures, notifications will be made utilizing our LHT Emergency Notification System, Everbridge/Citizen Alerts Program (text, phone, email).

Please take a moment to review the winter safety tips/reminders provided below.

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## Winter Storm Safety Tips/Reminders

**PREPARE** for the possibility of power outages. While the powers still on, Charge up; phones, computers, and especially any medical electric dependent devices. Warm up; adjust the heat settings in your home for the next several days. Set the thermostat higher overnight in case of early morning outages.

### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR:

Share your snow blower, or your teenager to help shovel. Check on friends and neighbors, especially the elderly or homebound. Consider extending yourself to someone that may usually receive services in the home, meals or home visiting aid that may be canceled due to road conditions. Clear your sidewalk. If you are able help our FIRE Department clear the hydrant area.

### BE SAFE:

Clear snow from vents.

Automobiles, heaters, cooking appliances and other everyday items that burn fuel produce carbon monoxide when they run. This gas is normally vented out of buildings and cars long before it poses any health risk, but this cannot happen if exterior vents are blocked by snow, ice, or debris. It is extremely important that all exterior home heating vents and vehicle tailpipes be cleared completely.

If you have a portable generator use it safely, remember: NEVER Use Portable Generators Indoors. This includes inside a garage, carport, basement, crawlspace, or other enclosed or partially-enclosed area, even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death, but CO can't be seen or smelled. Even if you cannot smell exhaust fumes, you may still be exposed to CO. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air RIGHT AWAY - DO NOT DELAY.

### Stay off the roads, avoid any unnecessary travel:

Don't drive – it can wait! Help our local and county road crews do their job to clear the roads. Do not park any vehicles on the street for the duration of the storm or you will be ticketed.

### Report Downed Wires:

Never go near or handle any downed wire. Immediately report downed wires to JCP&L, or call local police 911.

### Stay informed:

Monitor weather channels/apps and news for storm updates. Emergency management and other important updates will be posted as provided on LHT Police Department Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LHPDNJ/> the Township website [www.longhillnj.gov](http://www.longhillnj.gov) and Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LHTownship/>