

## **GENERAL PREPARATIONS For a STORM / HURRICANE**

### **EARLY PREPARATION: recommended action NOW!!**

**STORE away or SECURE** all lawn, garden, patio furniture, planters, garbage pails, bicycles, children's toys. **In general – any item that could be carried orblown by the strong winds or moving flood waters anticipated during a storm can cause personal injury or property damage to your home/property or to your neighbor's homes and/or property.**

**Always prepare with extra TLC:**

- Trim loose or overhanging tree limbs and shrubs.
- **Look** around at your property and **STORE** or **SECURE!!**
- **Clear** clogged rain gutters and downspouts.

**SUPPLIES:** keep enough **non perishable food items** and **water** on hand to meet the needs of your family for at least a 24 – 48 hour period. Recommended items are canned meats, vegetables, soups, meals in a can (i.e.: ravioli) that do not need electric or gas to prepare and can be eaten cold. Remember to store a can opener in your supply box.

- Remember **special needs** for your infants or young children – formula, baby foods, diapers, and clothing including jackets.
- Any **medications** (prescription, non prescription or vitamins) taken daily by your family members.
- At least one **change of clothing** for each family member is recommended.
- Towels, paper towels, toilet paper, non- water wash ups and sanitizers: such as **PURELL** and any brand of hand and baby wipes, and Clorox or Lysol wipes for disinfecting items and areas.
- **Batteries, battery operated equipment** or the best option - **wind up, flashlights and radio.**
- **Candles and matches** – although not recommended because of the possibility of fire - keep on hand, but flashlights are always preferred!

If you have a **cell phone**, keep it **charged**. **LISTEN** to Radio station **1610** on **AM** frequency for LOCAL emergency notices should we be directly affected by the oncoming storm.

**If you are a resident with medically necessary equipment, OXYGEN or INFANT MONITORS, that are dependant on electrical power please contact the Keyport Police Department NOW at 732-264-0706 and provide your name, address & type of equipment so we can ensure you receive prompt attention should it become necessary.**

The progress of Hurricane / Storm is being closely monitored by your local Emergency Management Personnel, Police Department, Fire and First Aid Departments. Further notices will be provided as needed, either here online, written notice, or by loudspeaker announcements made by police and fire personnel from their vehicles. You can also listen to Local Emergency Management Radio on **AM 1610**. **Remember Be Alert, Be Prepared, and Be Ready!**