

**Borough of Helmetta
Office of Emergency Management
51 Main Street, Helmetta New Jersey 08828**

Dear Resident:

The Office of Emergency Management continues to work very hard for all of the residents of our town. We have learned from previous storms that have affected our community that we are always learning and getting better at preparing for the next big storm. We were lucky as hurricane Joaquin went out to sea, leaving us some much needed rain, and some minor tree work that the DPW took care of. We urge all residents to prepare themselves and their families for the next big storm. Below are some suggestions for your review.

Storm Preparedness

Keep emergency and first aid kits available, including a battery powered radio, extra batteries, food and water.

Prepare a disaster communications plan with your family members.

FEMA, recommends stocking one gallon of water per person, per day for at least three days.

In the event that you are advised to boil your drinking water, heat at the highest possible temperature so that bubbles constantly (a rolling boil). Continue to boil water for one minute, and then let cool.

Avoid Carbon Monoxide – A common source of fatalities during and after storms is carbon Monoxide poisoning. Released from gasoline-powered generators, camp stoves, lanterns that are designed for outside use. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can be lethal. Never use them inside and always ensure that any outside use is well- ventilated.

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible

Pet Safety- Keep your pets indoors with you. Pets are likely to become frightened, and may wander away from home during severe weather. Check your pet supplies

You can find more suggestions on the web site for the State of New Jersey, Office of Attorney General.

We also need a better accounting of our residents. We need to know the number of residents in each home, the number of pets and any special issues you may have which require our immediate attention, such as medical equipment needing power, dependence on oxygen etc. We are asking each residence in Helmetta to complete the requested information on the back of this letter and return the form, so that we may serve your needs better moving forward. We require a phone number not on the "do not call list" for reverse 9-1-1 options.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to this request.

Sincerely,
William Kloos- OEM Coordinator

****PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE AND COMPLETE AND RETURN IT TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS****

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Resident storm letter**

Correct Street address : _____

Type of Home : Single family _____ Apartment _____ Condo _____ Townhome _____

Phone number for reverse 9-1-1: _____

Last Name: _____

Number of adults: _____

Number of children: _____

Is anyone Handicapped? _____

Special Concerns: _____

Dogs: _____ Cats: _____ Other list: _____

On behalf of all the Emergency Responders in our Town, I would like to thank you for taking the time to fill out this form. Please return it to the address at the top of this letter.

As the OEM Coordinator, I am always open to suggestions or concerns that you have. Feel free to add a suggestion, comment, or question. I will review them and try to answer each one as quickly as possible. If you would like to get involved in our towns Emergency Management Team, let us know.

Thank You:
William Kloos
