

Town of Riverhead

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Weather and Travel Advisory

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for our area from Midnight tonight through Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6 am. Heavy snow is possible with total accumulations between 5 to 13 inches depending on the track of the storm. Snow/sleet accumulations will be toward the lower end over the Twin Forks. Strong winds are expected with gusts as high as 60 mph. Minor to moderate coastal flooding may occur during high tide cycles Monday evening into Tuesday. Travel could be very difficult to impossible tomorrow and may impact the morning and evening commutes. If you can, STAY HOME tomorrow. If you go outside, use caution. If you MUST travel tomorrow, give yourself plenty of time and REDUCE YOUR SPEED. Keep a flashlight, food and water in your vehicle. In case of an emergency, dial 911 or call the Riverhead Police Department at 631-727-4500.

A SNOW EMERGENCY IS DECLARED IN RIVERHEAD TOWN THIS EVENING AT MIDNIGHT. DO NOT PARK YOUR VEHICLES ON THE STREET.

- ALL RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO REMOVE THEIR VEHICLES FROM THE STREET TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SNOWPLOWING OPERATIONS. CHAPTER 289-50.1 AUTHORIZES THE RIVERHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPOUND PARKED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES THAT AFFECT THE ROADWAYS DURING A SNOWSTORM.

Notifications and Closures

RIVERHEAD TOWN WILL HAVE A DELAYED OPENING AT 11:30 AM TOMORROW MORNING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021. PLEASE CHECK THE RIVERHEAD TOWN WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL UPDATES.

RIVERHEAD TOWN JUSTICE COURT WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

IF YOU ARE IN A COASTAL FLOOD PRONE AREA, PAY ATTENTION TO THE UPCOMING HIGH TIDE CYCLES TOMORROW EVENING THROUGH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021. PLEASE TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

TO REPORT POWER OUTAGES, CALL PSEG AT 1-800-490-0075.

PLEASE DO NOT SHOVEL SNOW INTO THE STREET. THIS ONLY CREATES A HAZARD FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS AND OTHER MOTORISTS.

IF THERE IS A FIRE HYDRANT BY YOUR HOME, PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS VISIBLE AND SHOVELED OUT.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS, ESPECIALLY THE ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS. MAKE SURE THEY ARE BROUGHT INDOORS OR HAVE SHELTER.

FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR PATRONS AND VISITORS, PLEASE REMOVE THE SNOW AND ICE FROM THE SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY.

REMEMBER THE P'S OF PREPAREDNESS, HAVE A PLAN, PACK AN EMERGENCY KIT AND PAY ATTENTION.

FOR WINTER SAFETY TIPS VISIT:

FEMA

<http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

National Weather Service

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/index.shtml>

NYS Homeland Security

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/safety-info/winter/>

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Red-Cross-Winter-Weather-Safety-Tips>