

TONH Offers Hurricane Safety Tips

North Hempstead, NY—Before the 2009 Atlantic hurricane season kicked off on June 1, forecasters were calling for 12 named storms, with about half developing into hurricanes.

Now, three months into the season, no storms have formed in the Atlantic. Still, meteorologists warn, a monster hurricane could be spawned before the season ends on November 30.

With that in mind, North Hempstead Supervisor Jon Kaiman and North Hempstead Town Board urged residents to take precautionary steps to protect their families and properties.

“While I sincerely hope we never face a major hurricane, I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of this old adage: an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure,” said Supervisor Kaiman.

Get Informed by:

- Learning about the hazards that may strike your community and the risks you face.
- Learning about your community’s plans for warning and evacuation. You can

obtain this information by calling North Hempstead’s Call Center at 311 to learn about local evacuation plans.

- Knowing safe routes inland
- Knowing the location of official shelters
- Ensuring that enough non-perishable food and water supplies are on hand
- Having at least one week supply of medication on hand
- Obtaining and storing materials, such as plywood, necessary to properly secure your home.
- Clearing loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Keeping trees and shrubbery trimmed of dead wood.

Know your children’s school emergency plan by:

- Asking how the school will communicate with families during a crisis.
- Asking if the school stores adequate food, water, and other basic supplies.
- Finding out if the school is prepared to shelter-in-place if need be, and where they plan to go if they must get away.

For more safety tips, Town Officials advise resident to visit ww.fema.gov.