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NOTICE

We have been monitoring the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) reports on Hurricane Sandy and as of Friday, October 26, 2012 NOAA is reporting possible significant rainfall and strong winds. The weather event is anticipated to begin with rainfall on Sunday, October 28, 2012 and escalate on Monday, October 29th, 2012. By Tuesday, October 29th, 2012 heavy rainfall and strong and sustained winds and possible flooding have been predicted by NOAA. While weather reports can change it is important to be prepared. Below is general information on emergency contacts, weather terminology that may help you better understand possible flooding as well as, preparedness and recovery information.

EMERGENCY CALL INFORMATION:

- If you should need emergency services (police, fire, ambulance, etc.), please call **911**.
- If there is a utility emergency requiring immediate attention (downed power lines, gas leaks, etc.), please call **911**. To report power outages, please call your electric utility.

FLOOD TERMINOLOGY:

- **Flood Watch** – Flooding is possible. Stay tuned to radio or TV for more information.
- **Flash Flood Watch** – Flash flooding is possible. Stay tuned to radio or TV for more information. Be prepared to move to higher ground.
- **Flood Warning** – Flooding is currently occurring or will occur soon. Listen for further instructions. If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- **Flash Flood Warning** – Flash flooding is currently occurring or will occur soon. Seek higher ground on foot immediately.

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS TIPS:

- Use the radio, TV, or Internet to keep up-to-date on weather information.
- Determine where you would go and how you would get there if you needed to evacuate. Identify nearby shelters, neighbors, or family members who may be able to help. Ensure all family members know where to go, and develop a communication plan.
- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas.
- Make sure all windows are closed and secured.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans, and anything else that is not tied down. If you operate a business, bring in all sidewalk signs, outdoor dining tables, flags, etc.
- Make sure you have the following items:
 - Several days' worth of non-perishable food
 - Several days' worth of drinking water
 - Several days' worth of prescription medications and routine first aid supplies (bandages, aspirin, etc.)
 - Flashlights
 - Batteries

- A radio or television that can work during a power outage

IF THERE IS A FLOOD:

- Listen to the radio or TV for information.
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so.
- Make sure you have a supply of water for sanitary purposes, such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other larger containers with water.
- Evacuate if instructed by authorities. If you are told to evacuate:
 - Take only essential items.
 - Turn off gas, electricity, and water.
 - Disconnect appliances.
 - Do not walk in moving water.
 - Do not drive in flood water. As little as six inches of water can cause loss of control and stalling of a car.
 - Follow the designated evacuation procedure.
- If winds are strong, stay toward the interior of your house on the lowest level.
- Use battery-powered flashlights if there is a power outage. To avoid a fire hazard, do NOT use candles.
- **NEVER** use a generator or grill (gas or charcoal) inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, sheds, or similar areas, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Carbon monoxide can build up to unsafe levels if a generator or grill is used in an enclosed space.

AFTER A FLOOD:

- Listen to news reports to make sure water supplies are not contaminated.
- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the storm has ended.
- Stay clear of standing or moving flood waters, as they may be contaminated or deeper than expected.
- DO NOT drive on closed or flooded-out roadways, or around roadblocks.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines. If you see any, please call **911** immediately.
- Stay out of any building if you smell gas or see floodwaters. Be extremely cautious when entering buildings, as there may be unseen damage.
- Inspect your property thoroughly for signs of damage. If you note any, take photos.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Clean and disinfect everything that was touched by floodwater, as it can contain sewage and other contaminants.