**Aquinnah CERT Storm Preparedness Tips**

**BEFORE THE STORM**

**Have on hand the following emergency supplies:**

* **Water**: 1 gallon of potable water per day per person; additional water (fill bathtub, other containers) for flushing toilets, cleaning, pets, etc.  *Well water depends on electric pumps that will not work if power is out.*
* **Food**: Nonperishable/non cook food to last at least 3 days.
* **Health**: ample supply of medications; medical information sheet (e.g., prescriptions, allergies), first aid kit; pet meds; all necessary health-related equipment.
* **Flashlights, extra batteries, candles, matches**; supplies for fireplace, woodstove, outdoor grill, etc. if safe to use.
* **Cell phone/chargers** (home and vehicle); Charge phones fully before the storm in case of power outages. Remember you can likely charge you phone from your car if needed.
* **Emergency radio** (battery operated – tune into 88.7FM WMVY radio for storm updates).
* **Vital documents** - ID, credit cards, cash, contact info for family.

**Take steps to protect yourself, your property, and your neighbors:**

* Fill up/charge up vehicles.
* Take in/stow/ secure outdoor furniture, grills, garden equipment, dinghies, kayaks etc.
* Secure doors and windows; have tarp, duct tape handy.
* Deal promptly with potential hazards (trees, overhanging limbs) that could cause damage
* Contact neighbors to offer assistance

**DURING THE STORM AND ITS IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH**

* Shelter in place if possible - stay in rooms protected from possible home damage from wind/rain/debris/trees
* Survey damage only after danger is passed; undertake safe clean up and assist neighbors.
* Conserve vehicle fuel/aid first responders by not exploring post-storm.

**Use Aquinnah Town Hall daytime warming/cooling shelter only when it is safe to venture out**

* The shelter will open when it is safe to do so. A first responder (Fire, Police, and/or EMT) will generally be available at the shelter.
* The shelter has generator support to provide heat or air conditioning and to power cellphones, as well as a bathroom, water, and snacks.
* Observe hygiene and safety requirements at the shelter (e.g., masks, temperature check, social distancing, control of small children, space limitations).
* Bring your own charger and containers for water.
* Do not bring pets unless they are crated.

**Use the Tribe’s Community Center overnight shelter if sheltering in place at night is not safe**.

* First responders will be available as needed. The shelter will open when safe to do so.
* The overnight shelter is an approved Red Cross Shelter for emergency use, with limited food and sleeping facilities (cots, blankets, etc).
* Follow the same guidance re:  power, hygiene, safety, and pets as daytime shelter.

Take care and stay safe!

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