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GET READY!

Now that the stormy season is with us it's time to get ourselves set for cold temperatures, power outages, roads blocked by fallen trees and debris, and other seasonal hazards.

The Town of Coupeville recommends that residents take at least two important sets of action:

1. STOCK UP

You may not be able to get to the store for several days during and after a major winter storm. Remember to have the basics on hand to get you through at least 3-7 days. Some suggested items:

- canned food that can be eaten as is, or heated outside via a small propane stove
- enough water - 1 gallon per person per day - if you get water from a well and your pump is not working
- high-energy snacks ■ pet food ■ medicines

2. STAY IN TOUCH

Remember those 2-sided window cards that were distributed to homes in Coupeville? Red/HELP - Green/OK cards posted in windows can help first responders quickly survey neighborhoods and note the status of households displaying these cards.

Also, the Town prepared and distributed magnetic cards carrying important local phone numbers, with space provided for you to add your family contact information. The cards also indicate locations in Town where emergency information will be posted in the event of a major event here.

Use these tools to inform your neighbors how you are doing, and to remind yourself how to get in touch with your family and the Town during local and widespread emergencies.

You can pick up these cards at Town Hall.

CALL FOR HELP

Call 911

for emergency help.

Call the non-emergency number for I-Com, 679-9567 for information regarding other needs.

POWER OUTAGE

In the event of a power outage, you can call Puget Sound Energy to report the outage, 888.225.5773. After the outages are initially reported, PSE tries to keep an updated recording to report estimated repair times.

PSE is also in contact with Town staff, since operation of our utilities is dependent on electrical service. In the event of a prolonged outage, we will change the recording on the Town Hall phone to give an update. For example "PSE estimates the power outage will be at least 6 more hours, until approximately 10:30 p.m."

EMERGENCY SHELTER

If the power outage occurs during cold weather, and is expected to be extensive, the Town will open an emergency shelter at the Rec. Hall. Hot soup will be available, as will cots for sleeping, board games for entertainment, and friends or neighbors with whom you may commiserate!

If a shelter is opened, the recording on the Town Hall phone will include that information, too. In addition, signs will be posted at the post office, the courthouse, and area businesses.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

These are tough economic times, and the resiliency of our local economy depends on us shopping our local businesses whenever possible. Please try to do your holiday shopping here at home, and if you can't buy it in Coupeville, try to do it on the island. It will keep your neighbors employed and tax dollars in your local community!

RED TICKET EVENT BEGINS

Members of the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association are offering the Red Ticket program again this year. Participating downtown merchants will be giving out one red ticket for every \$20 spent at their stores. People who shop locally can win a \$1,000 prize, or one of three \$100 prizes!! The drawing is the 18th of December at 1 p.m. on the steps of the Museum. Winners must be present to win.

SUPPORT NON-PROFITS

Several non-profit organizations have gift ideas for your holiday shopping:

- **Gifts from the Heart** provide gift cards that inform the recipient that a donation has been made in their name to our local food bank.
- **Ebey's Reserve Foundation** is offering license plate holders that read "Ebey's Landing, National Historical Reserve" \$10 each or two for \$15.
- **Island County Museum** is accepting orders for the soon to be published history of Coupeville and will provide a gift certificate for the advance order. Books are \$21.99 plus tax and shipping.
- **Coupeville Garden club** is accepting orders for their 2011 cookbook, and orders will be ready by Christmas. Great recipes from some of our best local cooks (and gardeners!) \$15 each.

In support of our local non-profits, all of these items are available for sale at the front desk at Town Hall from now until December 22.

BE INFORMED!

Watch recording of Town Council meetings on Comcast Channel 10 at 7 p.m. each evening.

Sign up for email of town meeting agendas and minutes... contact Judy Thomas, clerktreasurer@townofcoupeville.org

SENIOR MEALS

The new, additional site, for senior meals is at the Coupeville United Methodist Church, every Wednesday at noon. Meals for those over 60 are \$3.50 and under 60 pay \$8.15. Enjoy good food, good company, entertainment and education.