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**CHATHAM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ADVISES RESIDENTS
TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN ADVANCE OF WINTER STORM JUNO**

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP, NJ – January 25, 2015 – [The Chatham Township Committee](#) advised residents to take precautions in advance of Winter Storm Juno. As of Sunday evening, the [National Weather Service](#) issued a [Winter Storm Warning](#) for heavy snow with accumulations between 12 and 24 inches and high winds beginning late this evening through Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Kevin Sullivan, speaking on behalf of the Committee, said, “We would like to remind our residents to take the necessary precautions in advance of Winter Storm Juno. Given the expectation for hazardous conditions, residents should prepare themselves, and their families, for what is expected to be a significant and potentially historic winter storm.

“Residents should register for *Alert Chatham Township Now! (ACT Now!)* our Emergency and Community Alert system to ensure that they receive future safety and emergency information in a timely manner. If they have already registered, I encourage them to go online and update and review their profiles to ensure that they are receiving the alerts they want, in the format they desire.”

As a supplement to the Township’s ‘ACT Now!’ system, residents are also reminded to “Like” the Township Committee’s official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/chathamtownshipgovernment and “Follow” the Township Committee on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ChathamTownship.

Residents are asked to check on their elderly neighbors and periodically remove any snow from fire hydrants to ensure easy access by the Fire Department. Should they lose power, residents should call JCP&L at 1-888-544-4877 immediately so that they are aware of the problem and can work toward restoring power in an expeditious manner.

In addition, the Chatham Township Senior Center and Chatham Township Municipal Building may close Monday afternoon. Residents are instructed to call 973-635-4600 in advance to confirm the facility is open.

REPORTING POWER OUTAGES

Residents should report power outages to [JCP&L](#) by:

- **Phone:** 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)
- **Online:**
https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/outages_help/Report_Power_Outages.html
- **Text:** Text OUT to 544487 (register first by texting REG to 544487 (LIGHTS) to get started.)
- **App:** Download the free JCP&L app for your Apple® iPhone® and Android™ smartphone - use the keyword "FirstEnergy" to locate the apps in the online store.

POWER OUTAGE UPDATES

Residents can view updated information on JCP&L's outages, their storm restoration process and tips for staying safe, by visiting <http://outages.firstenergycorp.com/nj.html>

DOWNED WIRES

Residents should report downed wires to 1-888-544-4877 or to the Police or Fire Department -- never go near a downed power line, even if you think it is no longer carrying electricity.

HOME PREPARATION

Residents are encouraged to prepare for the possibility of outages caused by winter storms:

- Keep a flashlight and extra batteries handy. Use care when burning candles; open flames are a fire hazard.
- Gather extra blankets or a sleeping bag for each person. Do not use gas stoves, kerosene heaters or other open-flame heat sources to prevent deadly carbon monoxide gas from building up in your home.

- If you have a water well and pump, keep an emergency supply of bottled water and/or fill your bathtub with fresh water.
- Stock an emergency supply of convenience foods that do not require cooking.
- Keep a battery-powered radio with extra batteries on hand. Tune to a local station for current storm information.
- Have a hard-wired telephone or a charged cell phone handy in the event you need to report your electricity is out. Mobile phones can be charged in your vehicle using a car charger when the power is out. If you have a smart phone, this will ensure you have access to online information sources.

Residents can find other winter safety tips on the Township Facebook page and at <http://www.weather.com/safety/winter/news/storms-during-the-storm-20120416>

Editor's Note:

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Register for *Alert Chatham Township Now! (ACT Now!)* <http://www.chathamtownship-nj.gov/resident-communications.html> the Township's Emergency & Community Alert system at chathamtownship-nj.gov.

About Chatham Township

Chatham Township is located in Morris County New Jersey. It has approximately 11,000 residents and nearly 4,000 households. Learn more at chathamtownship-nj.gov

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