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Blizzard Warning: Are You Prepared?

In response to the National Weather Service's forecasted blizzard impacting New York City and lower Westchester County, including Scarsdale, the Village of Scarsdale has activated its Winter Storm preparation activities and is coordinating our storm response with Westchester County Emergency Management officials. Additional community information will be distributed by press release, as needed.

The following information and tips will help you and your family to stay safe during this major winter storm event. Please also take time to check on friends, family, and neighbors that may be unable to navigate the range of conditions that one may encounter during a severe winter storm. Also, refrain from non-essential travel.

In the event of a power outage:

- Close-off unused rooms to retain heat;
- Wear layered clothing and use blankets or sleeping bags to stay warm;
- NEVER use generators or outdoor heating or cooking equipment indoors, such as a grills, camp stoves, or gasoline/propane heaters;
- NEVER heat a home with a stove;
- If driving is absolutely necessary, keep disaster supplies in your vehicle, make sure your vehicle is properly equipped, and use extra precaution on the roads; and
- Limit your time outdoors. If you are outside, protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing several layers of warm, loose-fitting, light-weight clothing.

If you observe a downed power line, please call 911. ConEd customers should report power outages and check service restoration status at <http://www.conEd.com>, or by calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633). When reporting an outage, customers should have their Con Edison account number available, if possible, and report whether their neighbors also have lost power.

Con Edison offers the following storm tips to customers to help weather the possible effects of a storm:

- If you see downed electrical wires, do not go near them – call 911. Treat all downed wires as if they are live. Never attempt to move them or touch them with any object. Be mindful that downed wires can be hidden from view by snow, tree limbs, leaves or water;
- If a power line falls on your car while you're in it, stay inside the vehicle and wait for emergency personnel;
- If your power goes out, disconnect or turn off appliances that would otherwise turn on automatically when service is restored. If several appliances start up at once, the electric circuits may overload; and
- Check to make sure your flashlights and any battery-operated radios or televisions are in working order. Make sure you have a supply of extra batteries. Weather updates and news on restorations of electrical service can be heard on most local radio and television stations.

For more information about winter storm safety, please review FEMA's "[How to Prepare for a Winter Storm](https://tinyurl.com/Scarsdale-Prepares)", available here: <https://tinyurl.com/Scarsdale-Prepares>

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