

# NEWBURGH READY



## What To Do When High Winds Are Expected

- The National Weather Service has issued High Wind Warnings for the New York City Metropolitan Area including the Hudson Valley.
- Increasing winds as high as 45 mph can be expected from Monday afternoon through Tuesday morning.
- Winds of this magnitude have the potential to bring down trees, power lines, road sign, awnings and construction scaffolding. Additionally, unsecured objects such as outdoor furniture, grills, and garbage cans can become dangerous projectiles.
- To prevent injury and damage, bring loose items indoors or fully secure them. Be watchful of any dead trees, overhanging branches and anything else that could potentially fall or become airborne.

## In The Event of a Downed Power Line

- Call for help. Report down lines to the utility company and the Fire Department. Do not try to free lines or remove debris. Avoid anything that may be touching the downed wires including utility poles, road signs, fences, vehicles and trees.
- Remember puddles and wet or snow covered ground can conduct electricity so stay well clear of any downed wires and warn others to do the same.
- If you see someone who has been shocked or who may possibly be in contact with an electrified object do not touch them. You may become a second victim – stay clear and call 911.
- If a line falls on your car stay in the vehicle. Do not touch any metal objects in the car. Honk your horn, roll down the window and warn others of the danger. Ask someone to call 911 and do not exit the vehicle until help arrives or if the vehicle catches on fire.
- If the vehicle does catch on fire, the manner in which you exit the vehicle is crucial. Open the door but do not step out. Jump without touching any of the exterior metal of the car. Do not come in contact with the ground and the car at the same time. Once out of the car get away quickly.



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