



# CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

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### Hurricane Sandy

This is Colonial Heights Fire Chief A.G. Moore with an important message from the City of Colonial Heights.

While much uncertainty remains in the forecast track of Hurricane Sandy, the City of Colonial Heights encourages residents to take precautions now in preparation of any impact from this hurricane.

Unlike previous storms, this storm is different. This storm has more characteristics of a Nor'easter. As it stands now, with the information we have been given this will be a very long event. The strong winds could last for several days which will make this storm unlike ones we've previously experienced.

Make an emergency supply kit to include essential supplies that will last at least three days. Supply kits should include a battery-powered radio and extra batteries, non-perishable food and water, toiletries, flashlights, a first aid kit and medications. Also, include items needed for infants, seniors, and pets. You may want to keep a second kit in your car in case you are told to evacuate.

Bring in or secure any objects that may be blown about by high winds, including plants, patio furniture, garden décor, etc.

Do not connect your generator directly to your home's wiring. Connecting a portable electric generator directly to your household wiring can be deadly to you and others. A generator that is directly connected to your home's wiring may 'back feed' onto the power lines connected to your home.

In the event you must leave your home, create a family communications plan by discussing with your family what actions should be taken during an actual emergency. Decide in advance on a meeting place if your family cannot return home. Designate an out-of-town friend or relative as a point-of-contact, and plan for the specific needs of your household, such as transportation of medical equipment or pet evacuation needs.

The City asks that residents remain off the roads during this weather event. If travel is necessary, please review the following suggestions:

- If you do have to drive, drive cautiously;
- If driving, decrease speed;
- Have a full tank of gas;
- Have a cell phone with a full charge with you

Businesses have a critical role in emergency preparedness. Putting a disaster plan in motion now will improve the likelihood that your business or company will survive and recover. Visit [www.ready.gov/business](http://www.ready.gov/business) for more information.

Residents are strongly advised to stay tuned to local TV and radio stations for the most current storm information. In the event your home loses electrical power, plan to have a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio and extra batteries ready so that you can hear weather information and instructions from officials.

For up-to-date information and additional instructions from the city of Colonial Heights during the storm, please visit [www.colonialheightsva.gov](http://www.colonialheightsva.gov) follow the City facebook on [www.facebook.com/colonialheightsfireems](https://www.facebook.com/colonialheightsfireems), on Twitter [www.twitter.com/colhtsemergmt](https://www.twitter.com/colhtsemergmt) and stay tuned to local radio and television stations.