

Severe Weather Preparation

When severe weather hits unexpectedly, the risk of injury can increase, so planning makes sense. Prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming.

Whenever warm, moist air collides with cool, dry air, thunderstorms can occur. It is important to plan and to be prepared for severe weather when it occurs.

Advance planning for thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes, and floods requires specific safety precautions. Often by the time we are aware of an approaching severe storm, we have little if any time to prepare for it.

Advance planning for severe weather requires specific safety precautions. You can follow many of the same steps that you would for all extreme weather events. Keep an emergency kit on hand. Some items to include are:

- *A majority of lightning strike victims were either outdoors in an open area, or taking part in an activity near the water such as fishing, tubing or swimming.*
- *A battery-operated flashlight, a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio, and extra batteries for both*
- *An emergency evacuation or shelter plan, including a map of your home and, for every type of severe weather emergency, routes to safety from each room*
- *A list of important personal information, including:*
 - *telephone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends*
 - *insurance and property information*
 - *telephone numbers of utility companies*
 - *medical information*
- *A first aid kit that may include:*
 - *non-latex gloves*
 - *assortment of adhesive bandages*
 - *antibiotic ointment*
 - *sterile gauze pads in assorted sizes*
 - *absorbent compress dressings*
 - *scissors*
 - *adhesive cloth tape*
 - *NOTE: Customize your first aid kit to meet your individual and family needs.*
- *A 3-5 day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food*
- *Personal hygiene items*
- *Blankets or sleeping bags*

The Village's Green Electric Aggregation Program

During the last 10 years Village residents have saved over \$3.5 million as the result of the Village's electrical aggregation program. In August, the Village's current contract with Dynegy is set to expire. Energy supply costs have become much more competitive, with ComEd's energy supply rates now matching our current aggregation supplier's pricing.

Given current solar and wind generation systems' more favorable costs the Village sought bids through the Village's electrical aggregation consultant and is now offering a renewable energy supplier alternative. Village residents and small businesses will pay exactly the ComEd rate, which has continued to decline from a high of 9¢ per kWh in 2010 to current 6.913¢. The Village will be designated an EPA Green Power Community, with a significantly reduced carbon footprint—at zero cost to residents and the Village.

In early June a notice was mailed from the Village to all residents and small businesses at their ComEd billing address announcing the renewal of our Electric Aggregation Program. You do not need to do anything to participate, unless you have your own contract with another supplier, in which case you must take action to enroll. As of January 1, 2020, no supplier may charge an early termination fee.

Review your notice carefully, as ratepayers receive different notices, depending, for example, if you've already enrolled with another supplier. Some accounts will remain with ComEd and others will enroll with Chicago-based MC Squared Energy Services.

If you have questions, email the Village's aggregation consultant, Sharon Durling, at sdurling@NIMEC.net or call NIMEC at 800-727-3820 to leave your name and question. No action is needed to participate (unless you have already selected an alternative supplier.) By participating, you will never pay more than the ComEd rate. To learn more visit the Village's website at www.libertyville.com/aggregation.