

The WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC SAFETY

News to Use

Winter 2014



Oh the weather outside is frightful...



... But there are steps you can take now to prepare for emergencies caused by severe winter weather and to protect your loved ones from its effects.

Inclement weather, especially during the winter, can cause power outages and leave entire communities without heat, electricity, and communications (landlines and cell phones). Heavy snowfalls or icing could lead to road closures and toppled trees. Local and county officials will be taking action before, during, and after the storm, but residents and business owners may find it difficult to access important information that officials are providing.

Public Safety and Public Works (Road) Departments, as well as the Office of Emergency Management, may distribute information on:

- * Warming Centers
- * Electrical Charging Centers
- * Water Distribution Points
- * Road Closures
- * Temporary and Overnight Shelters
- * Other services as necessary.

Emergency Notification Information

Warren County Official Website
"Important Announcements"
Cancellations of County Services
www.co.warren.nj.us

Code Blue NJ 2-1-1
WC Temporary Assistance
(877) 661-4357

Channel 69 WFMZ-TV Stormcenter
School & Business Closings
www.wfmz.com

150 WRNJ Radio/ Facebook
"Operation Snowflake"
www.wrnjradio.com

Channel 23 NJTV (where available)
www.njtvonline.org

RAPIDNotify can give you access to the information you need.

The Warren County Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Merrill Creek Consortium, has contracted with **RAPIDNotify** to provide the public with a way to receive emergency notifications. The versatile system allows you to choose where you'd like to receive the alerts and the type of messaging system to be used. Registration for this valuable service has been simplified and can now be done online at www.wcpublicsafety.com. Under the column "Emergency Management," click on "**Rapid Notify Signup**." You will be asked to provide your address, home and work telephone numbers, cell phone and text messaging (SMS) numbers, and your email address. You can also choose your preferred means of contact. Other links of interest on the Public Safety website are "Power Outages" and "River Heights" under "Emergency Management" and "North NJ Traffic" under "Miscellaneous."

So prepare today for tomorrow's emergencies, and
have a safe - not frightful - winter season!