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LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN URGES RESIDENTS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AHEAD OF WINTER STORM

HUNTINGTON, NY -Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington, 16th LD) is advising residents that a blizzard watch will be in effect for Suffolk County from Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon. Heavy snow accumulations and high winds are expected to create white out conditions and make travel dangerous. There is a strong potential for downed tree limbs and electrical outages. Health officials recommend that residents take the following precautions:

- Fill your gas tank
- Avoid traveling in low visibility or icy conditions. If you must drive, reduce your speed and try to stay on roads that have been plowed or salted/sanded. Leave a good amount of distance between your car and the one in front of you. Try to avoid sudden braking.
- If you must travel, let someone know your destination and when you expect to arrive.
- Dress in layers; wear a warm coat or jacket, hat, mittens and warm insulated boots.
- Charge your cell phone and keep it with you when you are outside.
- If you are stranded in your vehicle, stay in your vehicle and tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna to signal first responders that you need help.
- Use caution when shoveling. Take frequent breaks, dress in layers and stop shoveling if you experience any chest or back pain.
- In extreme cold, frostbite can set in very quickly. Make sure to wear gloves and stay dry.

For more information about Winter Storm readiness, please visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather.

People with Special Needs:

The Suffolk County Emergency Preparedness Registry has been established to collect information emergency responders will need to help locate and evacuate people with Special Needs or high risks during an emergency, especially when a family member, caregiver or others are unable to help. For more information visit: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/FireRescueandEmergencyServices/OfficeofEmergencyManagement/PeoplewithSpecialNeeds/JointEmergencyEvacuationProgram