

# REMINDER: LET'S BE PREPARED FOR COLD WEATHER

- Prepare now to take the sting out of winter weather:
- Store drinking water, first aid kit, canned/no-cook food, non-electric can opener, radio, flashlight and extra batteries where you can get them easily, even in the dark.
- Keep cars and other vehicles fueled and in good repair, with a winter emergency kit in each.
- Get a NOAA Weather Radio to monitor severe weather.
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structures that can shelter your family, neighbors, livestock or equipment. Install storm shutters, doors and windows; clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks; and check the structural ability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy accumulations of snow or water.
- Remember to dress in layers when the temperatures drop. Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water-repellent. Mittens are warmer than gloves. Wear a hat. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs from extremely cold air. Wear sturdy, waterproof boots in snow or flooding conditions.
- **And remember**, if you lose power and use kerosene heaters, make sure to maintain ventilation to avoid a build-up of toxic fumes. Keep heaters at least three feet from flammable objects and refuel kerosene heaters outside.

## **Know the warning terms for each kind of disaster:**

- \* **Winter storm watch** - Be alert, a storm is likely.
- \* **Winter storm warning** - Take action, the storm is in or coming.
- \* **Blizzard warning** - Snow and strong winds can produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill - seek refuge immediately!
- \* **Winter weather advisory** - Conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists.
- \* **Frost/freeze warning** - Below freezing may damage plants and crops.

**Information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency & NJ Office of Emergency Management**

# 2010 CENSUS IS DIFFERENT - GOODBYE LONG FORM

The Census Bureau has changed the way it conducts the national count.

In the past, most households received a short-form questionnaire, while one in six households received a long form that contained additional questions and provided more detailed socioeconomic information about the population.

The 2010 Census will be a **short-form** only census and will count all residents living in the United States as well as ask for name, sex, age, date of birth, race, ethnicity, relationship and housing tenure – taking just minutes to complete.

## **Don't forget!**

**Snowbirds** (people who live in one state but spend the winter in another state with a warmer climate) are to **be counted at the residence where they live most of the year.**

**If you spend most of the year in your Ocean County residence and you receive a form while you are away, be sure to wait until you return to Ocean County** and complete a form in person with a Census counter or at an Ocean County Library or Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC). We will provide the list of QAC's when they are established.

The 2010 Census will be a snapshot of our nation's population - capturing our changing and diverse America in a fleeting moment in time. But this historic event will do more than tell us who we are as a nation today. It will affect your community's future. Your country's future. Your future.

The federal government distributes more than \$400 billion annually to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Completing your census form is easy, important and safe. Your participation is vital.

By participating in the census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you.

For more information, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).