## The WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC SAFETY

## **News to Use**

Spring 2015

## TO DO LIST for SPRING:

- 1) Store your snow blower and shovels.
- 2) Clean your gutters and repair any ice damage.







Replace or repaint your house numbers so they're clearly visible to emergency responders.

- 4) Pack away winter clothing; break out the warm weather wear.
- 5) Finish off the chocolate Easter bunnies.
- 6) Sign up at <a href="www.registerready.nj.gov">www.registerready.nj.gov</a> for <a href="Register">Register</a> Ready, a program that helps emergency responders identify people with special needs during a disaster.
- 7) Weed and feed your lawn.
- 8) Bear-proof your bird feeders and garbage cans.
- 9) Add <u>www.firstenergycorp.com</u> to your *Favorites* list. Print & post information on "What to do During a Power Outage" and "Downed Power Lines."
- 10) Time for Spring cleaning and a change of décor.
- 11) Open your windows and air out the house.
- 12) Make plans for America's PrepareAthon Days (April 30<sup>th</sup> + September 30<sup>th</sup>)!

The goal of America's PrepareAthon is to increase individuals' awareness of the types of disasters that could happen in their community and the steps they can take to prepare for them and stay safe. If you've lived in the area for a while, you already know what hazards may strike, but if you're new, ask a long-time resident. Visit sites like <a href="https://www.ready.gov/prepare">www.ready.gov/prepare</a>, <a href="https://www.ready.nj.gov">www.ready.nj.gov</a>. Join a **CERT** (Community Emergency Response Team) in your community; find out more by calling 1-877-CERT-411 (1-877-237-8411) or visit <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/njoem/citizen/">http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/citizen/</a>. Even something as simple as making a family plan and emergency bag will help you prepare for an emergency (<a href="https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan">www.ready.gov/make-a-plan</a>). Whether you participate as an individual or as a member of a community group, remember to...

Be Smart. Take Part. Prepare.