Farmingville, NY - The Town of Brookhaven is asking residents to "Stay Connected to LIPA" during this weekend's winter storm. Residents can follow LIPA on Facebook and Twitter and monitor news reports, public announcements, and www.lipower.org, which has preparation and safety tips. Customers can also report outages and receive restoration updates on LIPA's website or Mobile Web, via text message or by contacting LIPA at 800-490-0075.

LIPA asks that customers follow these guidelines during the storm:

1. If you leave your home, pay particular attention to safety, especially downed trees, branches and power lines. Assume all downed wires are "live."

2. If you see crews working, consider their safety when driving in work areas. Please remember that many restoration crews are from outside Long Island and are unfamiliar with LIPA's service territory.

3. Outages and downed wires can be called into LIPA's Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-490-0075 or entered through the storm central portion of LIPA's website at www.lipower.org or by texting OUT myLIPA (695472). Pre-registration is required.

The Town encourages residents to pre-register their cell phones in order to report outages and receive restoration updates via text. To register, customers should text REG to 695472 (myLIPA). After registration, to report an outage, they would text OUT to 695472 (myLIPA).

Stay tuned to local radio and TV news broadcasts for the most current weather forecasts, news and information.

Please go to the Town's website at www.brookhaven.org for up-to-date snowstorm related news, information, weather updates and emergency contact numbers. Residents can also call 451-TOWN to report snow related issues. Call 911 for police, fire and ambulance emergencies only.

The Town will also be sending out e-mail alerts to residents who have registered on our e-mail list. If you are not on the list, you can sign up today at www.brookhaven.org. Residents can also sign up for countywide Code Red alerts at www.suffolkcountyny.gov.

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