

# BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT

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### BETHPAGE WATER ENSURES THE SAFETY OF DISTRICT'S DRINKING WATER IN THE EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER

Bethpage, N.Y. (October 26, 2012) – The Bethpage Water District Board of Commissioners would like to assure ratepayers that in the event of a hurricane, or other natural disaster, the District has taken precautionary measures to protect the community's drinking water.

“We have taken a proactive role in preparing for a hurricane or other natural disaster,” said Commissioner Sullivan “Our number one priority, as always, is to ensure our customers that they will receive the cleanest water without interruption in the event of a natural disaster.”

The Bethpage Water District uses many different treatment processes to provide clean, safe and water; meeting and/or exceeding the standards regulated by the county, state and federal government. The District has its own emergency electrical generators and fuel storage facilities so as to insure the continued supply of potable water.

In the event of a natural disaster, the District's staff is prepared to act quickly. An emergency response plan is put into effect so reacting to a disaster is taken care of as effectively and as efficiently as possible. Contracts with emergency response teams and water main repair contractors have also been made. The District is also a member of NYWARN, an agreement with neighboring water suppliers and suppliers across the state in which emergency assistance could be provided if absolutely necessary.

“While I sincerely hope we never face a situation where we'd have to utilize these procedures, it is imperative that we are all prepared should a worse-case scenario occur,” added Commissioner Bretton. “We are confident we can face challenges that arise and in case of an emergency, we will be ready.”

For further information, please call **516 931-0093** or log onto [www.bethpagewater.org](http://www.bethpagewater.org).

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