## **Press Release**

# **PUTNAM VALLEY STORM ALERT: WHAT TO DO**

Have available: battery powered radio, water, food, snacks, fully charged cell phone, first aid kit or first aid items.

Extended power outages: Listen to WHUD 100.7 FM

Power Outage Information: Call NYSEG at 1.800.572.1131

**Downed wires with no fire or sparks**: Call Putnam County Sheriff 845.225.4300

**Downed wires with fire or sparks**: Call 911 immediately

#### STAY AWAY FROM ALL DOWNED WIRES

Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi's Cell Phone in an emergency: 914.486.9030 Highway Department 24 Hours/Day: 845.526.3333

### **During a power interruption:**

- Turn off major appliances and sensitive electronic equipment (TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, stereos) to prevent overloading and possible damage when power is restored. Leave one light switch "on" to know when power has been restored.
- Emergency generators can be dangerous. Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions. Never run an emergency generator indoors.
- Keep refrigerators and freezers closed as much as possible. Most food will last 24 hours if you minimize the opening of refrigerator and freezer doors.

# **After your power is restored:**

- If a basement or home was flooded, customers should have an electrician check the home and have a plumbing and heating contractor check natural gas appliances before contacting NYSEG to have services turned on.
- Turn on appliances and sensitive electronic equipment one at a time to avoid overloading circuits.
- · Replenish emergency supplies used during the storm.