



## TOWN OF GRAFTON

### **PROCEDURE: IF YOU ARE ASKED TO EVACUATE TO A SHELTER**

Local Public Safety officials may deem evacuation necessary due to flooding, loss of electricity, or other emergencies

**HOW DO I KNOW WHEN TO EVACUATE?** Listen to your local cable or radio station or dial **2-1-1**.

**WHERE DO I GO IF I HAVE NO PLACE TO GO?**

You will be directed to go to the Grafton Emergency shelter, which is in the gym of the Municipal Center that's behind the Grafton Police station.

Parking and entrance to the shelter is in the back of the building. Remember to **lock your car**.

### **PLANNING FOR THE EVACUATION**

- \* Have planned a number of routes to take to the Municipal Center if your road is closed. Follow directions given by your local Police Department.
- \* If you do NOT have personal transportation, make arrangements with a friend, neighbor, or fill out the Grafton form at the Grafton Senior Center.
  - Have assembled an emergency disaster kit. **READ "What to take with you"**.
  - Keep your car fueled if evacuation seems likely. Remember, gas stations may be closed during emergencies.
  - Know how to shut off your home's electricity, water, & gas main switches.

### **WHAT TO DO IF ASKED/TOLD TO EVACUATE**

- \* Gather all persons in your house together so you know where they are and they can help get supplies ready.
- \* Do not call your local police or fire department for information. Emergency workers will need these lines.
- \* Turn to your local radio or cable stations or dial Mass 2-1-1 for information on what to do
- \* Turn off all lights, unnecessary appliances, lock windows, and doors.
- \* Check with your neighbors to see if they need assistance or a ride.
- \* Let someone know where you are going.

### **WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU**

- Essential items you will need for at least 3 days.
- Clothing for at least 3 days.
- Toilet items, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc
- Prescription medications, medical equipment, and important medical records.
- Special dietary food
- Sleeping bag, Blankets, Pillows, and towels, Toys & games for your children
- Checkbook, credit cards, and cash
- Only seeing-eye dogs or other service animals are allowed into the shelter. Make plans for your pets

