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Sewer district updates severe weather plan

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With hurricane season approaching, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District has stepped up its efforts to ensure that the district can continue its operations effectively in the event of severe weather.

The sewer district recently updated its "Severe Weather Plan" to reduce the impact of any severe weather, such as hurricanes or floods, on district operations.

"The district is pleased to announce a new streamlined process for addressing the safety and security of plant operations and residents as we approach hurricane season in the Nassau County region," the district superintendent, Christopher Murphy, said. "As one of the foremost leaders in the wastewater management industry, ensuring the safety and functionality of plant operations is among the numerous steps the district has taken to effectively serve the Great Neck community."

The severe weather plan creates a guideline for district personnel to protect public health during an emergency, district of-



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ficials said.

As part of the updated plan, service vehicles will be kept above expected flood levels during a storm and the vehicles will be stocked with necessary emergency equipment.

Also, the district will place

communication equipment and sandbags in "key strategic locations" to protect its facilities during flooding or another emergency, district officials said.

"The district's plan follows and exceeds the Environmental Protection Agency's recommen-

dations for wastewater facilities to maintain critical wastewater services and protect the public's well-being in an emergency," said the district chairman, Jerry Landsberg. "The updated plan allows district facilities to minimize the impact of severe weather

on district residents."

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District is located at 236 East Shore Road and serves the villages of Great Neck, Great Neck Plaza, Kensington, Thomaston and Saddle Rock as well as parts of Manhasset.