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## TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE REMINDS RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR HEAVY RAINS

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. October 1, 2015** — The Town of Purcellville wants to remind citizens of routine maintenance activities that can help prevent residential flooding and water damage. Currently, the National Weather Service is calling for a period of significant rain on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> into Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. These rains could total 3-6 inches. As noted with the heavy rains received earlier this week, homeowners may experience flooding and water damage in their homes due to lack of maintenance.

In order to help prepare for this potential rain event, the Town reminds citizens to:

- Clear all gutters and downspouts
- Direct downspouts and discharge pipes away from the foundation of your home
- Check your sump pump for functionality and any possible debris
- Cover or seal known leakage points, such as basement windows or doorways
- For walk-out basements, clear all drains at the bottom of your outside stairs
- Be prepared for potential power outages by having emergency supplies on hand
- Properly store all pesticides, chemicals and flammable materials
- Properly secure all lawn furniture and other items that may be effected by high water or winds

The Town also reminds citizens that in cases of heavy rains, flash floods are possible. Most importantly, if you are driving and come across water covering a roadway, **“Turn Around, Don’t Drown.”** Town staff will be monitoring all drainage ways and bridges to ensure water can flow freely under roadways. If water rises above the road, the Town will close the road and notify the public.

Finally, Town staff are monitoring the potential impacts of Hurricane Joaquin on the region. More information will be disseminated at the appropriate time, should direct impacts to the Town be expected. As always, residents should pay attention to the National Weather Service ([www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)) for information about possible hazardous weather events. Residents can sign up for Town Alerts at <http://www.purcellvilleva.gov/list.aspx> and for Loudoun County Alerts at <http://www.loudoun.gov/alerts>.

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,300 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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