

# Emergency Evacuation Instructions

## Family Emergency Preparedness Actions - Create a Disaster Plan

Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen.

Learn your community's warning signals and what you should do when you hear them.

### Pick two places to meet:

1. Right outside your home in case of sudden emergency, like a fire.
2. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home (everyone must know the address and phone number).

## Family Disaster Supplies Kit - Put together a disaster supplies kit for your family before a disaster strikes including the following:

- Prescription medications & medical information.
- Special dietary food if required.
- First-aid kits - one for your home and one for your car.
- Lantern, flashlight, or other emergency lighting.
- Food that does not need to be refrigerated or cooked.
- Rotate stored food every six months.
- Personal aids, eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Insurance information.
- Portable radio and extra batteries.
- Baby supplies such as food, formula, disposable diapers, etc.
- Water in plastic jugs or other covered containers.
- Change water every three months.

- Establish an out-of-state friend to act as a contact for separated family members.
- Show each member of the household how to turn off water, gas and electricity and consider neighbors who may need assistance.
- Monitor weather conditions on NOAA Weather Radio - 162.475 MHz.
- Post emergency numbers by telephones.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home; check batteries once a month and change them twice a year when the time changes.
- Find out where children will be sent if they are in school when an evacuation is announced.

## Papers and Valuables:

- Social Security cards
- Driver's License
- Insurance Policies
- Savings and checking account books
- Birth Certificates
- Cash and credit cards
- Deeds
- Inventory of household goods
- Marriage/death records
- Wills
- Stocks and bonds
- Small valuables: cameras, watches, jewelry, etc.

### Keep items in an air-tight bag.

**Keep the items you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container.**

**Listen for emergency information on local radio, TV and Cable stations and monitor Emergency Alert System information on the EAS radio stations WKDN 106.9 FM and WNJC 1360 AM.**

**For more information visit [www.Ready.NJ.gov](http://www.Ready.NJ.gov) or call 2 1 1.**

## Hurricane Information and Actions

Emergency Information will be broadcast on local radio and television stations. Leave areas early that might be affected by storm surge flooding.

It is very important that you listen to the recommendations of the emergency management officials and immediately take the action they recommend.

### Leave When Advised To Do So By Local Officials

A **Hurricane Watch** is issued for a coastal area when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours. It means you must take actions to obtain supplies, secure your home and prepare to evacuate.

A **Hurricane Warning** is issued when hurricane conditions of strong winds, high water and storm surge are expected in a specified coastal areas in 24 hours or less. It means you must take action for your safety.

### Pre-Evacuation Actions

- Fill your car with gas, check car battery and oil, flashlight and radio batteries.
- Put your survival kit together and refill prescription drugs and obtain special medications (e.g. insulin).
- Secure outdoor lawn furniture and loose materials, shutter windows, etc.
- Prepare your family for evacuation. Because it depends on the strength, location and direction of the hurricane's movement, you may have to evacuate even before a hurricane warning is issued.

- Make arrangements for your pets. They will not be allowed in public shelters.
- Top off underground tanks to prevent flotation.
- Put together materials needed to take to a shelter such as prescription medications – Special dietary food – Specific medical information – Personal aids, eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Remember, late evacuations will take longer to clear the threatened area – evacuate early and promptly.
- Stay tuned for emergency information on local radio, TV and Cable stations.

## Flood Information and Actions

A **Flood Warning** is issued as an advance notice that a flood is imminent or is in progress at a certain location. Flood warnings are forecasts of impending floods and are distributed to the public by the NOAA Weather Radio, local radio and television, and through local emergency agencies.

A **Flash Flood Watch** is issued when flash flooding is possible within the designated watch area – be alert.

A **Flash Flood Warning** is issued when a flash flood has been reported or is imminent – take necessary precautions.

## Hazardous Materials Accidents

If you are involved in or witness an incident or accident involving hazardous materials, notify county and/or local authorities or call the **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Emergency Action Hotline (24 hours)** at 1-609-292-7172 or 1-877-927-6337 (toll-free). Stay up wind and clear of the area.

Commonly used petroleum and chemical products for homes, stores, shops and industry are transported on highways and railroads. Accidental spills or fires can generate situations that endanger human health and environment.

