

Neptune Township Office of Emergency Management

Public Safety Information



WHAT TO DO IN A HURRICANE...

Hurricanes can be dangerous killers. Learning the hurricane warning messages and planning ahead can reduce the chances of injury or major property damage.

Before

Plan an evacuation route; In Neptune Township, evacuation routes all lead to the west, away from all shorelines. Route 33 and Route 66 serve as the main evacuation roadways. The Neptune High School on Heck Avenue serves as an American Red Cross shelter facility. The public will be notified by radio and public announcements, when the shelter facility is open.

Learn safe routes inland;

Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.

Have disaster supplies on hand;

Flashlight and extra batteries
Portable, battery operated radio

First aid kit and manual

Emergency food and water

Non-electric can opener

Essential medicines

Cash and credit cards

Sturdy shoes

Make arrangements for pets;

Pets are not allowed into emergency shelters, for health and space reasons.

Contact the local humane society for information on local animal shelters.



Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane;

Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity and water.

Protect your windows;

Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower-cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2 inch plywood - marine plywood is best - cut to fit each window.

Remember to mark which

board fits which window.

Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.

Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.

Check into flood insurance.

You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or through the Office of Emergency Management. There is normally a 30 day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective.

Homeowners' policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane.

Develop an emergency communications plan.

In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.

Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the family contact After a disaster, its often easier to call long

distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

Hurricane Watches and Warnings;

A hurricane watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours. A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane conditions (winds of 74 miles per hour or dangerously high water.

DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions

If in a mobile home, check tie downs and evacuate immediately

Store valuable and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home

If at home;

Stay inside, away from windows, skylights and glass doors

Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy.

Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light

If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power surge when electricity is restored

If officials indicate that evacuation is necessary; Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges

Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve

Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going

If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor



Bring pre-assembled emergency supplies and warm protective clothing

Take blankets and sleeping bags to shelter

Lock up home and leave

After

Stay tuned to local radio for information

Help injured or trapped persons

Give first aid when appropriate

Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.

Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so

Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company or police

department

Enter your home with caution

Beware of snakes, insects and animals driven to higher grounds by flood water

Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home

Check refrigerated foods for spoilage

Take pictures of the damage, both to the house and its contents and for insurance claims

Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges

Use telephone only for emergency calls

INSPECTING UTILITIES IN A DAMAGED HOME

Check for gas leaks - If you smell gas or hear blowing or hissing noise, open windows and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional

Look for electrical system damage -- If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician for advice

Check for sewage and water lines damage - If you suspect sewage lines are damaged, avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes



are damaged, contact a plumber and avoid using water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.

MITIGATION

Mitigation includes any activities that prevent an unavoidable emergencies. Investing in preventative mitigation steps now such as strengthening unreinforced masonry to withstand wind and flooding and installing shutters on emergency, reduce the chance of an emergency happening, or lesson the damaging effects of every window will help reduce the impact of hurricanes in the future. For more information on mitigation, contact the Office of Emergency Management.

NEPTUNE HURRICANE SHELTERS

Neptune High School
Neptune Senior Center



IMPORTANT WEBSITES

- www.neptunetownship.org
- www.redcross.org
- www.fema.gov
- www.nws.noaa.gov
- www.nhc.noaa.gov



Emergency Telephone Numbers

- Police (Emergency).....9-1-1
- Police (non-emergency).....732-988-8000
- Emergency Management
732-988-8000 ext 299
- Public Work.....732-775-8797
- American
Red Cross.....732-493-9100
- GPU-Energy
1-800-662-3115
- NJNG.....1-800-221-0051

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