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Southampton Twp. Emergency Evacuation Instructions

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.

Southampton Township will use 4 ways to notify residents of an Emergency.

- 1. Automated Emergency Call System – A system which will call all or selected home phone numbers within the Township with a pre-recorded message that will give you information about the Emergency and what you are expected to do.
- 2. Emergency vehicles will drive thru the streets with an audible load speaker with instructions you are to follow.
- 3. Emergency workers may do a door to door if time and manpower allow.
- 4. Information will be aired on local T.V. and radio stations.

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)
- 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. Consider neighbors who may need assistance.
 - Monitor weather conditions on NOAA Weather Radio – 162.475 MHz and 162.400 MHz
 - Post emergency numbers by telephone.
 - 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.

Family Disaster Supplies Kit

- Prescription medication & 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

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.

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 recommended.

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 area 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, loose materials, shutter windows, etc.
- Prepare your family for evacuation. 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 in the event of a flood.
- Put together materials needed to take to a shelter such as prescription medications – Special dietary food – Specific medical information – Personal aides, eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Remember late evacuations will take longer to clear the threatened area – **Evacuate early and promptly.**

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.