



9/8/17 - While it appears that New Jersey will fare better than Texas and Florida, we are still not done with hurricane season, - it is never too soon to prepare your home and family. Please keep the information below available - just in case!

Visit the Borough's website for more emergency preparedness information.

SIGN UP NOW TO BE REGISTERED ON THE BOROUGH E-NEWS AT WWW.WATCHUNGNJ.GOV!

The Borough's primary and most effective means of mass communication is our Resident email and text alert system. Visit our website at www.watchungnj.gov and click on the Borough e-news Updates by email button. Notifications and alerts on many subjects, not just emergencies, can be sent to your email and/or via text.

Important Contact Information

- Emergency: Dial 911
- Police non-emergency: 908-756-3663
- JCPL: 800-662-3115
- PSEG: 800-436-7734
- NJAW: 800-272-1325
- Comcast: 800-934-7734
- Verizon/FIOS: 800-837-4966
- NJ BOARD of Public Utilities complaints : 800-624-0241
- FEMA Assistance: 800-621-3362
- Red Cross: 877-272-7337

How to get Information

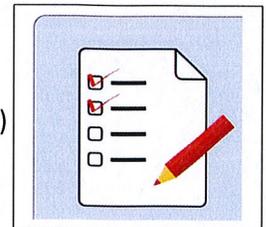
In case of a town wide emergency, please contact us. Do not wait for information to come to you. The Borough does not have the resources to go "door-to-door" with information



- GovDelivery. Sign up now!
- Somerset County Alerts. Sign up at www.co.somerset.nj.us to receive info regarding County roads, recycling and other County updates.
- Watchung Website- check our site leading up to, during and after an event. Information is posted on emergency preparedness and active event information.
- Optimum Ch. 15
- Talk to your neighbors.
- Call, email or come to the Borough building or Police Headquarters

In Case of Emergency

Plan ahead and have needed items on hand before the storm arrives. A typical emergency checklist should include having the following items ready:



- Extra cash on hand (no power=no debit machines or banks.)
- Extra blankets and warm clothes.
- Non-perishable food.
- Manual can opener.
- Battery Powered radio.
- Plenty of potable water.
- Ample supply of prescription medications.
- First aid kit.
- Battery operated lights.
- Chemical light sticks.
- Fresh batteries with an extra supply.
- Important family documents in water tight bag (home owns insurance info, car insurance, birth certificates, etc.)
- Tools (wrench, pliers, etc.).
- Fuel in your vehicles.
- A paper list of important phone numbers.
- Extra pet supplies.
- Have a backup sump pump and a backup battery power supply
- Gasoline in your vehicles.

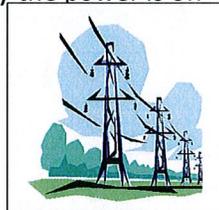
Generator Safety

- Carefully read the manual for operating instructions.
- Never use your generator in an enclosed area such as your garage. The engine gives off carbon monoxide which is lethal to humans. Generators must be outside your Home. Secure it with a Lock and chain.
- Generators should be Located at least 10 feet from your house.
- Do not fill your generator with gasoline while it is running. ALWAYS TURN THE MOTO OFF BEFORE FILLING. The heat/spark from the engine can ignite the gas.
- Store your gasoline in a well-ventilated area and only in approved containers.'
- If you "hardwire" your generator into your house, make sure this is done by a licensed electrician. Otherwise you run the risk of starting a house fire.



Downed Poles and Wires

- All wires should be treated as if they were "live" with electricity.
- Report downed poles/wires to your utility.
- Do not approach wires lying in or on the ground or road. Power can arc under the ground and come up many feet from where the wire is located.
- Do not attempt to move or cut trees that have wires entangled in them. The power utility must certify the power is off and have their crews cut the tree. If the street is closed off with barricades (i.e. orange cones) DO NOT drive around them. The power utility must certify the power is off and have their crews cut the Tree.
- If the street is closed off With barricades (i.e. orange Cones) DO NOT drive Around them. Especially if it looks like the barricades have been moved. The power line may be live and you will place yourself and vehicle inhabitants in danger. Seek an alternate route.



Important Tips/Things to Remember

- Check on your neighbors regularly. Especially the elderly or homebound. If you cannot get to them, call the police.
- If you have the means, equip your house with a generator. Do not forget extension cords.
- If the Borough Building has power, residents may use it as a warming station and a place it charge cell phones and access free Wi-Fi. Hours will vary depending on the event.
- DO NOT use your gas stove for heat. This can give off carbon monoxide which can be deadly.
- DO NOT use camp stoves or grills indoors.
- Restaurants and businesses that handle food MUST consult with the Health Department before opening after a prolonged power outage.
- For residents with well water, fill up the tub before storm for toilet flushing
- Use your car to charge your cell phone.
- Keep refrigerator closed to maintain the cold.
- Frozen water bottles in your freezer will act like ice blocks and keep it frozen longer while the power is off. Frozen bottles placed in the refrigerator will help keep your items cold longer. When they thaw out you will have a fresh supply of drinking water.
- Use pool water to flush toilets. Save your potable water.
- If you smell gas, do not use candles, Call the utility company immediately.
- Have books, games or other activities for children.
- Many resources exist online for preparing for a storm or power outage.
- Plan ahead!

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www.watchungnj.gov
for more links and information.**