

## **BEACH HAVEN OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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### **FLOOD WARNING!!! WHAT TO DO:**

#### **If NO EVACUATION has been ordered:**

- Get storm updates from The Weather Channel on local channel 39, the local community channel 22, or local FM radio stations 100.1 and 92.7 or you may Call 609-361-1000 for broadcast announcements and storm updates.
- Make sure you have a battery powered radio.
- Collect you Family Disaster Supply Kit, blankets and sleeping bags and keep them with you.
- Call your family's emergency contact person to report your plans.
- Keep children and pets indoors.
- Make sure you have cash and a full tank of gas in your car.
- Obey advisories promptly.
- Bring in any outdoor items that might cause damage.
- Do not walk in or try to cross or drive through flood waters.

### **WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF EVACUATION WHEN TOLD TO EVACUATE -WHAT TO DO.....**

#### **If EVACUATION IS advised:**

Do so without hesitation! The longer you wait to leave, the more likely you will encounter vehicular gridlock as Long Beach Island and Stafford Twp. residents converge onto Rt. 72, the **ONLY** access Westbound.

You may be told to evacuate via radio, television or loud speakers from emergency vehicles. Call your contact: tell them where you are going.

- Pack your family's Disaster Supply Kit, extra blankets and sleeping bags.
- Lock your windows and doors before leaving home.
- Tune you car radio to a news station for updates on evacuation routes.

Place nonperishable food, bottled water, toiletries, prescription medications, valuables, important documents, sleeping bags, first aid kit, flashlight, radio with batteries, change of clothing, and special needs items in the trunk of your car.

Be sure the car has a full tank of gas as you may be in traffic a long time.

Shut off the WATER, GAS and ELECTRIC UTILITIES if told to do so.

Call any neighbors who you know may need transportation and offer your help.

Secure your home and LEAVE!

Follow directions given by Emergency Management personnel. They have current information to help you evacuate to a safe area.

## STAFFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Local Evacuation Centers will be open as needed. The public will be advised by local officials through radio and TV. They are as follows:

### SOUTHERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Located on Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, off Route 9 North, Stafford Township

### SOUTHERN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Located on Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, off Route 9 North, Stafford Township

### STAFFORD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Located off Doc Cranmer Blvd., On Mc Kinley Avenue, Stafford Township

## WHEN A WARNING IS ANNOUNCED

- ✓ Tune to your local radio or tv station for information. (**Weather Channel on local channel 39, the local community channel 22, or local FM radio stations 100.1 and 92.7**)
- ✓ Clear your property of loose objects, bicycles, lawn ornaments, furniture, garbage cans, signs, propane tanks or anything else that could float or become a flying projectile. Do not wait until the last minute!
- ✓ Relocate pets to a safe location with adequate water and food. Take necessary medications and rabies certificates.
- ✓ Move your boat to a safe harbor and moor securely. Do not stay with the boat!
- ✓ Shutter or board all windows and secure double door entrances. Take down awnings and tape windows.
- ✓ Gather important items to take to the shelter in the event of an evacuation such as: prescription medications, eyeglasses, blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, lawn chairs, cash, credit cards, checkbook, expensive jewelry, change of clothing, important documents (family photos, insurance policies, stock certificates, etc. secured in a waterproof container), necessary toiletries, flashlight, infant needs, books and magazines. **PLAN ON BEING SELF SUFFICIENT FOR THE FIRST 48 HOURS!**
- ✓ Store drinking water in clean containers. Fill the bathtub with water to use upon your return in the event that public water is contaminated.
- ✓ Plan your evacuation route, know where to go, and follow the directions of Emergency Management Personnel.

## ISLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Returning may take a long time as municipal authorities strive to make their communities as safe as possible. Be patient and drive safely!

### **RETURNING – WHAT TO DO:**

- Remain in your shelter until told by local authorities that it is safe to leave.
- Keep tuned to local radio and TV stations for advice and instructions from Emergency Management about medical help, emergency housing, clothing and food assistance, ways to help yourself and your community.
- Stay away from disaster areas. Do not impede crucial rescue and recovery work.
- Drive only when necessary and be especially careful! Streets will be filled with debris and downed power lines. Roads may collapse under the weight of cars.
- Avoid loose or dangling power wires and report them immediately to the Power Company, Police or Fire Company.
- Report broken gas, sewer or water mains.
- Prevent fires! Don't use candles. Municipal water pressure and availability of personnel may be low, which will make fire-fighting even more difficult.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. Don't risk eating spoiled food.
- Stay away from flooded areas. Debris, broken bottles, and boards with nails will be everywhere. Watch your step.

**REMEMBER: The Manahawkin Bay Bridge will be closed for entry until the Island is prepared to accept vehicles. This could be several days. Be Prepared!**

## **BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES**

Help yourself and your family by being prepared before a disaster strikes. Here are a few simple guidelines to follow:

- ✓ Arrange **NOW** with a relative or friend out of this area to take messages from you in an emergency; advise relative to call **ONLY** that telephone number to inquire about your safety. Phone lines in the area might be damaged and, if not, they will be heavily utilized.
- ✓ Keep irreplaceable papers such as birth & marriage certificates, deeds, car titles, **FLOOD** insurance and **HOMEOWNERS** policies, etc. in one spot so they can easily be placed in waterproof bags for transport in the event an evacuation is ordered.
- ✓ Stock up on nonperishable essentials such as canned foods, bottled water and plastic utensils.
- ✓ Keep battery-operated radios and flashlights handy with plenty of extra batteries.
- ✓ Keep an adequate supply of prescription drugs on hand.
- ✓ Keep tree limbs trimmed, especially if they hang over wires or your house. Remove any loose lying materials from your yard; i.e. chairs, tables, wood, propane tanks, trashcans etc.
- ✓ If you have a pet purchase a pet carrier and arrange with a vet or animal shelter to have your pet housed during an emergency. Shot records are important. **NOTE: NO PETS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN THE EVACUATION CENTER!** You may however, leave your pet in your vehicle while you are in the shelter. You will be able (weather permitting) to go out o your car to give food and water and walk the pet if necessary. Any animal let out of the car must be on a leash! Take lots of newspapers and paper towels and any medications. Carry water in unbreakable containers. If you have a two story home, pets may be left upstairs with adequate water and food to last several days.
- ✓ Make sure your vehicle is serviced with a full tank of gas.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

If you are in need of transportation or special help in order to evacuate, register with your municipal Office of Emergency Management now! Do not wait until an emergency strikes! For additional information or to register please contact the Long Beach Island Health Department. All information is strictly confidential 609- 492-1212.

Long Beach Island will be facing northeasters, hurricanes, and winter storms. Tidal flooding is a real concern and all homeowners should have flood insurance. For more information on the National Flood Insurance Program call 800-427-4661. For an agent in your area call 800-720-1093 or visit <http://www.floodsmart.gov>. Flood insurance is available to all Beach Haven Borough residents and renters even if the property has been flooded in the past.

### **LINKS:**

Ocean County Office of Emergency Management - <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/sheriff/default.htm>

NJ State Homeland Security Office: <http://www.state.nj.us/njhomelandsecurity/>

NJ Office of Emergency Management: <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/>

National Flood Insurance Program website is: [www.fema.gov/nfip/](http://www.fema.gov/nfip/)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPARES FOR THE WORST AND HOPES FOR THE BEST.  
YOUR COOPERATION IF KEY TO A POSITIVE OUTCOME!**