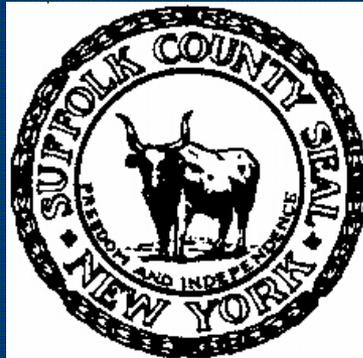


BE PREPARED!!!!



Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Number
(631) 852-4900



What is a Disaster?

- *Disaster is any event that creates danger for a community as a whole*
- *Disasters usually results in injuries, deaths, and property damage*
- *Disasters require planning so when one hits people can go to safety*
- *Are you prepared for a disaster?*

4 Steps of Planning

- *Get Informed*
- *Make a plan*
- *Assemble a kit*
- *Maintain your plan and kit*



Get Informed

- *Know the hurricane risks in your area*
- *Find out what emergency plans are in place in your community*
- *How will you be notified of an event*
- *If you live in a coastal area, learn the safe routes inland*
- *Learn about local sheltering plans*
- *Review your insurance policy*



Make a Plan

- *Meet with family members*
- *Choose a person to contact – preferably an out-of-area friend or relative*
- *Choose a meeting area*
- *Create a communications plan*
- *Know how to contact family members at all times*
- *Plan for special needs*

The image shows a sample 'Family Communications Plan' form. At the top, there is a large dashed rectangular box for notes. Below this, the text '(Other Important Phone Numbers & Information)' is written. The main title is 'Family Communications Plan' with a small icon to the left. Below the title, there are four sections, each with a label and a line for a name and a line for a telephone number:

- Contact Name: _____
Telephone: _____
- Out-of-State Contact Name: _____
Telephone: _____
- Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____
Meeting Place Telephone: _____

At the bottom of the form, it says 'Dial 9-1-1 for Emergencies!'.

Make a Plan

- *Plan for pets*
- *Realize different types of disasters*
- *Know how to turn off/on utilities in your home*
- *Post emergency telephone numbers by your telephones*

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Make a Plan

- ***Create Action checklist***
 - ***Utilities***
 - ***Fire extinguisher***
 - ***Smoke alarms***
 - ***Insurance***
 - ***First Aid/CPR***
 - ***Inventory Possessions***
 - ***Vital Records***
 - ***Reduce Hazards***



Assemble a Kit (Go-Kit)

- *In the middle of an evacuation, you are not going to have time to pack all your necessities*
- *Kit includes basic items that need to live for a up to **4 days***
- *Have kit available by exit door and in your car*
- *Check kit every year for changing needs*

Assemble a Kit (Go-Kit)

- ***Items that should be in kit***

- ***Flash light***
- ***Important documents***
- ***First Aid materials***
- ***Money - CASH***
- ***Keys***
- ***Non-perishable supply of food for 4-5 days***
- ***Water***
- ***Extra set of clothes for each family member***
- ***Contact Information***

- ***Medications***
- ***Radio***
- ***Whistle***
- ***Batteries***
- ***Plastic bags***
- ***Map***
- ***Copy of family plan***
- ***Personal hygiene Items***

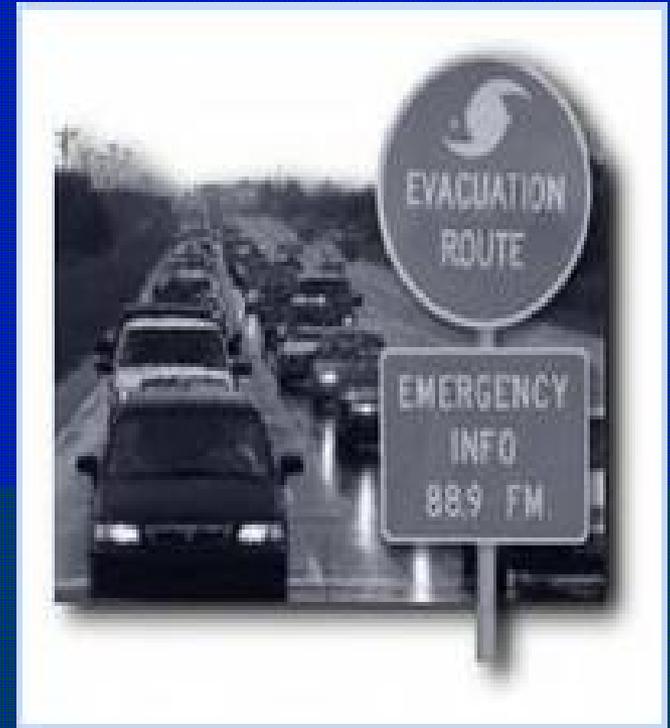


Maintain Your Plan

- ***PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE***
- ***Review your plan every 6 months with your family***
- ***Review your plan if a disaster warning is issued***
- ***Conduct drills as if the disaster were striking***
- ***Check your Go-Kit***
- ***Test all emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers and batteries***

What To Do When A Disaster Strikes

- *Follow all instructions issued by local governmental agencies*
- *Evacuate immediately if instructed to*
- *Listen to radio and television for updates – **WALK 97.5 FM, WBLI 106.1, WBAB 102.3***
- *Take your supply kit*
- *Stay with family members and close friends*



What To Do After A Disaster Strikes

- *When it is safe to go outside:*
 - *Offer help to any injured*
 - *Make sure power and gas is shut off*
 - *If missing family member/s, call contact person*
 - *Contact fire department if you see any fires*
 - *Listen to radio and television for updates*
- **Restore everyday life as quickly as possible**

Emergency Preparedness

Suffolk County



Suffolk County's Emergency Preparedness Efforts



Emergency Plans & Procedures

- ***Comprehensive All Hazards Emergency Management Plan***
 - ***Evacuation***
 - ***Sheltering***
 - ***Special Needs***
 - ***Logistics***
 - ***Communications***
 - ***Resource Management***
 - ***Pre and Post Event Planning***



Emergency Operations Center

- ***Base of Operations***
 - ***Located in Yaphank***
 - ***Center of all county coordination, evaluation, policy making, decisions***
 - ***All County Agencies, Townships, Federal, State Representatives, utility, Red Cross are represented at the EOC***
 - ***Tracking of storms and coordination with National Weather Service***

Pre-Storm Preparations

- *Track the storm – National Weather Service*
- *Activate the Emergency Operations Center*
- *Contact critical county agencies, towns, villages, utilities,*
- *Pre-position resources such as:*
 - *Trucks, or road clearing vehicles*
 - *Emergency Fire/EMS equipment*
 - *Top off fuel tanks*
 - *Emergency generators*
 - *Assets including food and water*
 - *Utility crews from out of state*

Pre-Storm Preparations

- ***Evacuation of Fire Island***
 - ***24-36 hours prior to arrival of gale force winds***
 - ***Housing and temporary sheltering***
 - ***Staging of emergency equipment from Fire Island***
- ***Evacuation of Special Needs Population***
- ***Check on availability of manpower – county employees, CERT volunteers, volunteer first responders***

During the Storm

- ***Full Activation of the EOC***
 - ***All agencies represented***
 - ***Monitor conditions, flooding, damaged trees, power lines, etc.***
 - ***Check in with local municipalities, especially along South Shore***
 - ***Evaluate response actions***
 - ***Dispatch resources to heavily affected areas***



After the Storm

- **Damage assessment**
- **Restoration of basic infrastructure**
 - **Electric & gas - LIPA/KeySpan**
 - **Telephones - Verizon**
 - **Water - SCWA**
- **Debris removal**
 - **Downed trees**
 - **Construction Debris**
 - **Destroyed homes**
- **Cleanup operations**
- **Allow businesses & residents to go back if deemed safe**



Long Term Recovery

"Return to Normalcy"

- *Basic infrastructure restored*
- *Residents start re-occupying their homes*
- *Schools start re-opening*
- *Businesses resume operations*
- *Places of worship resume services*
- *Rebuilding Process Begins*

THANK YOU!

Remember to ALWAYS be prepared.

A disaster can strike at any moment with NO warning.

