



Bernards Township

Office of Emergency Management

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

STEP ONE: "GET A KIT" of Emergency Supplies

The Emergency Supply Kit is actually two kits; one that you will need if you stay at home during a storm (At Home Kit), and one needed if you must evacuate (Evacuation Kit).

AT HOME KIT:

- ✓ Flashlights
- ✓ A battery operated radio
- ✓ Extra batteries
- ✓ Freezer packs to keep food cold
- ✓ Cooler
- ✓ Matches and a lighter
- ✓ A camping stove and/or grill with fuel, canned heat and/or charcoal bricks and starter fluid
- ✓ Fire extinguisher
- ✓ Two week supply of prescription medications
- ✓ For infants, prepare a two week supply of diapers, baby formula, bottles, pacifiers, etc
- ✓ Tarp
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Camera and film (video camera and blank video tapes)

- ✓ Kitchen utensils, spoons, knives, forks, hand operated can opener, bottle opener, cooking pans, spatula, etc
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Drinking water in plastic containers (minimum one gallon of water per person per day for 14 days)
- ✓ Non-perishable food in cans or sealed containers (enough for 14 days) --Don't forget about Pets! (Most shelters or hotels will not allow pets to be brought. When making plans check to make sure pets are allowed)
- ✓ A box of large, plastic trash bags
- ✓ A box of locking top, sealing plastic bags -- one gallon in size
- ✓ Secure loose furniture and belongings that may be outside

EVACUATION KIT:

- ✓ A map
- ✓ A can of tire sealer in your trunk
- ✓ Sleeping bags and/or blankets for each member of the family
- ✓ Air or foam mattresses
- ✓ Identification for everyone
- ✓ Important documents
- ✓ Extra clothes, shoes, etc

- ✓ Books, games, playing cards, etc., (this may be an extended stay...)
- ✓ Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, toiletries, paper towels, etc.
- ✓ Cash

STEP TWO: "MAKE A PLAN" for Yourself, Your Family or Your Business

First, follow the easy-to-use instructions in "**Your Family Emergency Plan**," available here from the American Red Cross.

If you have Disabilities or other Special Needs:

- ✓ Register with the www.registerready.nj.gov

If you **Do Not Own a Car or Cannot Drive**:
Make arrangement with family or neighbors with assistance on potential evacuations.

Make plans with a neighbor who does drive.

If you have **Pets**:

- ✓ Read the Preparedness Tips for Your Pet at: <http://www.ready.gov/caring-animals>. Disaster shelters **cannot accept pets** other than ADA assistance animals. You must plan accordingly.

If you want to do more: Learn what it means when Public Safety Officials order you to:

Shelter at Home

Evacuate

Take Health-Related Actions

STEP THREE:

"STAY INFORMED" of Possible Threats

It is important to know about the risks that may happen in your community, and to know whether an emergency is imminent or is already taking place.

Learn about the disaster plans for your **Workplace**, your children's **School or Day Care Center**, and **Other Places** where your family spends time.

Keep track of **Current Weather Forecasts and Alerts** with:

- ✓ Benards AM Alert radio 1620AM
- ✓ NOAA Weather Radio - or listen online
- ✓ NJOEM's Weather Links
- ✓ www.weather.gov

For more information visit
www.ready.gov

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have now completed the steps for basic all-hazards preparedness. This should give you a level of confidence during emergencies - but never forget Step Three. Stay Informed by listening for emergency watches and warnings, or for instructions from public safety officials. By staying informed you remain a vital partner in your family's security.

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www.bernards.org

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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
& OTHER INFORMATION**

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

**Bernards Twp Police/OEM Non-Emergency
(908) 766-1122**

**Bernards Township Health Dept
(908)204-2520**

**Somerset County OEM
(908) 231-7000 | (908) 725-5070**

**Bernards Twp Emergency AM Radio
1620 AM**

FEMA:

www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm

NOAA:

www.nhc.noaa.gov/outreach/prepare.shtml

Red Cross:

Phone: (908) 725-2217

<http://greatersomerset.redcross.org/>



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