



Bernards Township Office of Emergency Management

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For residents of New Jersey and Bernards Township, the basics of preparedness for virtually all hazards are the same. Following these steps will prepare you for virtually any disaster or crisis that may you.

HOUSEHOLD "GO KIT" of Emergency Supplies

ITEMS FOR YOUR HOME:

- Three days' supply of canned, non-perishable, ready-to-eat **FOOD**
- Three days' supply of **WATER** (a total of **three gallons per family member**)
- **Battery-operated RADIO** and extra batteries
- **FLASHLIGHT** and extra batteries
- One week's **prescription MEDICATIONS**
- **FIRST AID KIT**
- Personal **TOILETRIES**
- Non-electric **CAN OPENER** and **UTENSILS**
- **SPECIAL NEEDS** items:
 - INFANT care items
 - Items for **ELDERLY** family members
 - Items for relatives with **DISABILITIES**
- **CASH** or **TRAVELERS CHECKS**
- Store important **DOCUMENTS** in a waterproof, safe location

IN CASE YOU NEED TO EVACUATE:

- Keep a half-gallon of **GAS** at all times
- Every family member should carry **CONTACT INFORMATION:**
 - All phone numbers at work, school, etc. for every family member
 - The name and number of a relative who lives out-of-state, to call in case your family gets separated.

"MAKE A PLAN" for Yourself, Your Family or Your Business

- Meet with your family or household members.
- Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.
- If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

Plan what to do in case you are separated during an emergency

- Choose two places to meet:
 - Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire
 - Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate
- Choose an out of area emergency contact person. It may be easier to text or call long distance if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Everyone should have emergency contact information in writing or programmed into their cell phones.

Plan what to do if you have to evacuate

- Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel/motel, stay with friends or relatives in a safe location or go to an evacuation shelter if necessary.
- Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on your map in case roads are impassable.
- Plan ahead for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation routes.

"STAY INFORMED" of Possible Threats

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

- Local radio or TV stations
- [NOAA Weather Radio](#)

Bernards Township resources

- www.bernards.org
- Alert AM Radio 1620 AM
- Sign up for emergency alerts at www.bernards.org
- Follow the township government on "Facebook" and "Twitter"

Bernards Township also has the ability to make reverse 9-1-1 calls to all residents and businesses within the township.

The following websites offer additional information on emergency preparedness:

- www.state.nj.us/njoem
- www.redcross.org
- www.fema.gov

