



## BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Bridgewater, NJ** - The Bridgewater Police Department along with the Bridgewater Office of Emergency Management continue to monitor Hurricane Joaquin and its potential effects it will have on the Township. As of now, the path of the hurricane still remains uncertain. Even if we do not have a direct hit from the hurricane, we are expected to receive a large amount of rainfall that could potentially cause flooding around town. We ask that you prepare now and not wait until the last minute. Our information packet can be found by clicking on this link: [Hurricane Preparedness Handout](#). All alerts will also be posted on the Bridgewater Police Emergency Alert Page ([Emergency Alert](#))

For up to date information, follow Bridgewater Police on [facebook](#), [twitter](#) and sign up with [Nixle](#) for free alerts sent to your phone/e-mail directly from us.



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## 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:

- Two Flashlights
- A battery operated radio
- Six extra sets of batteries
- Gel freezer packs to keep food cold
- A cooler
- Matches and a lighter
- A camping stove and/or grill with fuel, canned heat and/or charcoal bricks and starter fluid
- Fire extinguisher (and a box of baking soda to extinguish a fire)
- If anyone in your family is taking prescription medicines, keep a two-week supply on hand
- If you have an infant, prepare a two week supply of diapers, baby formula, bottles, pacifiers, etc
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- A tarp
- Towels (three per person)
- Camera and film (video camera and blank video tapes)

- Kitchen utensils, spoons, knives, forks, hand operated can opener, bottle opener, cooking pans, spatula, etc
- A Whistle
- A Cell Phone (if possible)
- Drinking water in plastic containers (minimum one gallon of water per person per day for 14 days)
- A water purifying kit
- 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 and compass
- 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, toilet paper, feminine products, 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:

- Read these [Preparedness Tips for Individuals with Disabilities](#).
- Register with the [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov), Bridgewater Police Department and Bridgewater OEM letting them know of any assistance you might need during an evacuation or other emergency.

#### If you Do Not Own a Car or Cannot Drive:

- Ask the Ask Bridgewater Police Department and Bridgewater OEM for details on the evacuation plans for transit-dependent individuals.
- Make plans with a neighbor who does drive.

#### If you have Pets:

- Read these [Preparedness Tips for Your Pet](#). Disaster shelters **cannot accept pets** other than ADA assistance animals. You must plan accordingly.
- Contact the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter at (908) 725-0308.

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.

Contact Somerset County OEM or [American Red Cross Chapter](#).

- Ask which [Types of Emergency](#) are most likely in your area, and **how to prepare** for each.
- Learn about the **warning signals** that will be used in your community.
- Learn about the **local radio and TV stations** you should tune into for emergency alerts and official instructions.

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:

- Local radio or TV stations
- [NOAA Weather Radio](#) - or [listen online](#)
- NJOEM's [Weather Links](#)

For more information visit  
[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

You and your family 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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**For updates in Bridgewater Township:**

[www.bridgewaterpd.com](http://www.bridgewaterpd.com)

[www.facebook.com/BridgewaterPD](https://www.facebook.com/BridgewaterPD)

[www.bridgewaternj.gov](http://www.bridgewaternj.gov)

Twitter: [@BridgewaterPD](https://twitter.com/BridgewaterPD)

**To subscribe to the township newsletter:**

<http://www.bridgewaternj.gov/subscribe.htm>

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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & OTHER INFORMATION

## EMERGENCY 9-1-1

**Bridgewater Police Non-Emergency**  
**(908) 722-4111**

**Bridgewater OEM**  
**(908) 722-4111 ext 6015**

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

**Emergency Radio Network (Manville)**  
**1700 AM**

**FEMA:**  
[www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm)

**NOAA:**  
[www.nhc.noaa.gov/outreach/prepare.shtml](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/outreach/prepare.shtml)

**Red Cross:**  
**Phone: (908) 725-2217**  
<http://greatersomerset.redcross.org/>



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