



EMERGENCY PREPARATION PREPARE NOW IN THE EVENT OF AN EVACUATION

When community evacuations become necessary, our local officials will try to provide information to the public through the media, as well as door-to-door. In some circumstances, other warning methods such as sirens, text alerts, emails or telephone calls are used. The amount of time you have to leave will depend on the hazard. If the event is a hazardous weather condition such as a hurricane, you may have a day or two to get ready. However, many disasters allow no time for people to gather even the most basic necessities, which is why planning ahead is essential.

THERE ARE NO SHELTERS ON FIRE ISLAND

Preparing to evacuate: In order to assist in making preparations (and to help us during an evacuation), as well as clearing our village of hazards to get you back to the island faster, a check list has been compiled for you to follow in making your house safe prior to an evacuation.

- Make plans to secure your property
- **Shut the electric main off at the breaker box**
- **Shut your propane gas tanks off at the tank valve**
- Permanent, exterior storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8" exterior grade or marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install. If you plan to replace existing windows during non-emergency situations, another option would be installation of laminated glass with impact-resistant glazing.
- Note: During emergency storm preparations, tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and items that are not tied down.
- Be neighborly and help those next to you if you have time, or they are in need of assistance.
- Make sure you bring all necessary medications with you.
- Take all jewelry, identification (license, passport) and all important papers with you.
- Please, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND. There will be no one around to care for them.

Once you have completed this check sheet please fill out the Yellow Disaster Readiness sticker and affix it in a location on the front of your home so it is easily visible from the street.

If you need assistance for any reason please call the Ocean Beach Police Department at (631) 583-5866

For up-to-date information, join us on Facebook, Twitter and Nixle

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Ocean-Beach-Village-Police/333664686644923

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

Nixle: go to www.nixle.com to sign up



BE PREPARED THIS SEASON:

Since you live in a coastal area, plan a flood-free evacuation route. The Village of Ocean Beach hurricane preparedness plan includes designated safe areas, areas to be evacuated during a hurricane emergency, and safe evacuation routes to shelter. Get information on emergency planning by contacting the Ocean Beach Police Department at 631-583-5886. There are no shelters on Fire Island.

Prior to the hurricane season, coastal occupants should check to see that they have an adequate supply of non-perishable foods, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, battery-powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, candles, boots, appropriate rain gear, extra clothes, medication, and pet supplies.

PERSONAL EVACUATION PLAN

- Identify ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate. Choose a primary and a secondary location: a friend's home in another town, a motel, or a shelter.
- Keep handy the telephone numbers of these places as well as a road map of your locality. You may need to take alternative or unfamiliar routes if major roads are closed, diverted or clogged with traffic.

Take these items when deciding to evacuate:

- Prescriptions, medical supplies, and toiletries
- Bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows, pet needs including carrier, food, leash
- Bottled water, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, first aid kit, flashlight, keys and maps
- Documents, including driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.
- ATM Card, cash
- Provisions and material for extended stays, electronics power cords, and a power strip.
- Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember, you'll need a professional to turn them back on.)

Stay tuned to WALK (97.5 FM, 1370 AM) and our websites for the latest weather advisories as well as special instructions from local government, Fire Island Ferry Service, and Ocean Beach Police Dept. on Nixle and Facebook.

Weather: www.wunderground.com
Village: www.villageofoceanbeach.org
Nixle: www.nixle.com
Ferry: www.fireislandferries.com
FEMA: <http://www.ready.gov>

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HURRICANE TIPS:

- Keep cellphones charged. Limit apps that draw power and rapidly deplete battery strength. Have a power strip handy.
- Cash- Banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods. Make sure you have enough money in small bills.

WHAT TO DO FOR A HURRICANE WATCH:

- Secure any lawn furniture, umbrellas, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants, and anything else that can be picked up by the wind or float away with floodwater.
- Secure all windows and lock doors of your home. If shutters have not been installed, use precut plywood and fit window and doorframes. *Note:* Tape does not prevent windows from breaking, so taping windows is not recommended.
- Bring in wagons, bikes, trim any loose branches.
- Fill your car's gas tank, test generators with fresh fuel
- Recheck propane tank chains and restraints.
- Review your evacuation plan, equipment, and monitor appropriate websites for current information. Be ready to leave if advised by public safety agencies.
- Stay tuned to WALK (97.5 FM, 1370 AM) for the latest weather advisories.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE WARNING IS ISSUED:

- Listen to the advice of local officials, complete preparation activities, and leave if they tell you to do so. There are NO shelters on Fire Island.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows.
- Be aware that the calm "eye" is deceptive; the storm is not over. The worst part of the storm will occur if the eye passes overhead and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings, and other objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the second winds.
- Tornadoes can be embedded within a hurricane. Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.
- Stay away from floodwaters on walks and roadways. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car and climb to higher ground.

IF AN EVACUATION IS ORDERED:

- Listen to your local radio station and the Ocean Beach Police for evacuation notification and information, as well as Nixle and listed websites.
- Fire Island residents and visitors should prepare for departure from nearby ferry terminals. Ferries will operate to the mainland only. Do not wait for the last ferry.
- Evacuees are reminded that the following items are typically not permitted in an emergency shelter: alcohol, non-prescription controlled substances, weapons, and animals. Provisions will be made at the Town of Islip Animal Shelter for pets if your temporary shelter cannot accommodate pets.

AFTER THE HURRICANE PASSES:

Stay tuned to your local radio, television, and internet sites for advice and instructions from local government about emergency medical, food, housing, and other forms of assistance. Stay out of disaster areas which could be dangerous and where your presence will interfere with essential rescue and recovery work. Do not drive unless you must. Debris-filled streets are dangerous, and road should remain clear for emergency vehicles. Along the coast, soil may be washed from beneath the pavement, which could collapse under the weight of a car. Avoid loose or dangling wires and report them immediately to PSEG, the police, or the fire department. If you are in a public shelter, remain there until informed by those in charge that it is safe to leave. In Ocean Beach, report broken sewer and contaminated mains to the Ocean Beach Sewer & Water Department, and report safety & security concerns to the Ocean Beach Police Department.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO FIRE ISLAND UNTIL LOCAL OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE IT'S SAFE TO DO SO. YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY BY PATROLS.

REOCCUPY INFORMATION:

Stay tuned to WALK (97.5 FM, 1370 AM) for the latest weather advisories as well as special instructions, consult the Fire Island Ferries website for crossing times, and reoccupation information from local government websites.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Ocean Beach Police Department	631-583-5886
Ocean Beach Village Office	631-583-5940
Ocean Beach Sewer/Water Dept.	631-583-7682
Fire Dept. or Medical Emergencies	911
PSEG Electrical Emergencies	1-800-490-0075
Town of Islip Public Safety	631-224-5300



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