

Hurricane Awareness

Dear Residents:

As we are in the midst of Hurricane Season, the Mayor and Board of Trustees are providing this Awareness Bulletin to our residents. One of the current Administration's objectives is to increase engagement regarding Emergency Management within the Village.

Hurricane season generally runs from June 1 to November 30, with peak activity typically occurring between August and October.

This document is provided as a resource for emergency preparedness. While the recommendations are intended to promote safety and awareness, individual circumstances vary. Adapt these guidelines as needed, and follow official directives during emergencies. Documentation suggestions are included for thoroughness but should be tailored to your specific context.

For questions about this information or general Hurricane Preparedness, please contact the Village Office at 516-371-4600 or office@villageofatlanticbeach.com.

Know what Hurricane WATCH and Hurricane WARNING mean

WATCH: Hurricane conditions are possible in the specified area of the WATCH, usually within 36 hours.

WARNING: Hurricane conditions are expected in the specified area of the WARNING, usually within 24 hours.

- Identify ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate. Choose several places — 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 or clogged.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for evacuation instructions. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

FOLLOW ALL EVACUATION ORDERS IF INSTRUCTED

Are You Ready?

Take these items with you when evacuating:

- Prescription medications and medical supplies
- Bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows.
- Bottled water, battery-operated radio, and extra batteries, first aid kit, flashlight.
- Car keys and maps

- Documentation includes a driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residency, insurance policies, wills, property deeds, birth and marriage certificates, and tax records, among others.

Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit Including the Following Items:

- First aid kit and essential medications.
- Canned food and can opener for five (5) days.
- At least three gallons of water per person per day for a five-day period.
- Protective clothing, rainwear, and bedding or sleeping bags.
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- Special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family members.
- Written instructions on how to turn on electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so (remember, you'll need a professional to turn them back on).

FOLLOW ALL EVACUATION ORDERS IF INSTRUCTED DO NOT SHELTER IN PLACE

A major part of preparing for a natural disaster is keeping your home well-stocked with the right supplies, so you can stay safe during the event — whether you're sheltering in place or evacuating with a go bag.

After a flood, use a dehumidifier to dry your space — and act quickly: Microbial growth, including mold, can start anywhere between 24 and 72 hours after a flood, so prioritize drying the space quickly. Fans are absolutely better than nothing, but your best bet is a good dehumidifier. Keep it running until everything is dry; experts recommend a full 72 hours just to be safe.

A tarp can make post-storm cleanup easier: Tarps have uses both before and after a hurricane. You can tie them down onto objects to keep those things dry, use them to patch a damaged home, or keep them nearby to help with yard cleanup — just pile branches and debris on the tarp and then slide it around like a makeshift wheelbarrow.

Keep a few rolls of tape on hand: The number of things that may be cracked, leaking, punctured, or torn after a disaster is infinite. Duct tape (or its fancy cousin gaffer tape) can be ideal for binding, mending, or even handling certain first aid duties (when the right materials are unavailable). Tape up a tarp, repair a cracked window pane or torn work boot, make a sling — there are many possibilities.

Additional details are available on the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management Website.

Respectfully,

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Atlantic Beach

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