



TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN
PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PREPARING FOR THE UNEXPECTED

A Message from Supervisor Edward P. Romaine

While I sincerely hope we never face an emergency that gives you occasion to utilize the emergency instructions contained in this brochure, the unfortunate reality is that Brookhaven, by its geography, is vulnerable during hurricane season. Although the Town uses the most current state of the art technology and information to provide the best advance disaster planning directions for its citizens, there is no substitute for personal responsibility. Please read this booklet carefully for advice on how you and your family should prepare for the possibility of a natural or man-made disaster.

To request assistance or report a problem in the event of an impending or actual emergency, please call the Town's Constituent Response System, 451-TOWN (8696). Or, at any time, you can log onto our website, www.brookhaven.org, for up-to-date emergency weather information, quick links to valuable resources, and specific instructions on how to best protect your family.

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your home and/or your neighborhood or confine you to your home. You can cope with disaster by preparing in advance. Follow the steps listed in this brochure to create your disaster plan and disaster supplies kit.

YOUR DISASTER PLAN

CREATE A DISASTER PLAN

- Meet with your family to discuss why you need to prepare for disaster. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather and other emergencies to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case.
- Pick two places to meet:
 1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
 2. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Make sure every family member knows the address and phone number of this location.
- Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact". After a disaster it's often easier to call long distance than locally. Family members should call this person to tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact's phone number.
- Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Remember to include a plan for your pets.

COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST

- Post/input emergency telephone numbers by/in all phones – cell phones and land lines. (fire, police, ambulance, etc.)
- Teach children how and when to call 911 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help.
- Show each family member how and when to turn off the utilities (water, gas, and electricity) at the main switches.
- Ensure that you have adequate insurance coverage.
- Train each family member to use the fire extinguisher and show them where it's kept.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.
- Conduct a home hazard hunt.
- Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.
- Find safe places in your home for each type of disaster.

PRACTICE AND MAINTAIN YOUR PLAN

- Quiz your children every six months.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
- Replace stored water and food every six months.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

YOUR DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

The basic items that should be included in the disaster supplies kit in your home are outlined below. Place these items in airtight plastic bags and keep them in one easy-to-carry container, such as a trash can, plastic storage container, camping backpack or duffel bag. Store your kit in a convenient place and put a smaller version in your car. Remember to place dates on containers and replace the stored water and food supplies every six months. Check the supplies and rethink your needs every year. Consult your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications and maintain a current list of your prescription needs.

WATER: Purchase bottled water or store tap water in clean, airtight plastic containers. Avoid containers that will decompose or break, such as glass bottles. Plan for one gallon of water per person per day. Water should be stored in a cool, dark place with the date labeled on the container. Having some purification tablets on hand could be useful in the event of an extended water service outage.

FOOD: Store a three to five day supply of nonperishable food per person. Foods should require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water. Examples include: ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables; canned or boxed juices, milk and soup; condiments such as sugar, salt and pepper; high-energy food like peanut butter, jelly, low-sodium crackers, granola bars and trail mix; vitamins; foods for infants or persons on special diets; cookies; hard candy; instant coffee and sweetened cereals. Bulk food items such as wheat, powdered milk, corn and soybeans can be stored for long periods of time.

FIRST-AID KIT: Assemble a first-aid kit for your home and each vehicle. Items should include sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes, gauze pads, hypoallergenic adhesive tape, triangular bandages, sterile gauze roll bandages, Ace bandages, scissors, tweezers, needle, moistened towelettes, antiseptic, thermometer, tongue depressors, tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant, safety pins, cleansing soap, latex gloves and sunscreen. Other items include aspirin or other pain medication, anti-diarrhea medication, Syrup of Ipecac, activated charcoal (in case of poisoning), antacids and laxatives.

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES: Keep the following items handy for all around use: battery-powered radio; flashlight; extra batteries of assorted sizes (check shelf life before purchasing); duct tape; aluminum foil; rope; bow saw; mess kits or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils; cash (include change) and/or traveler's checks; non-electric can opener and utility knife; small fire extinguisher; tube tent; pliers; adjustable wrench; compass; waterproof matches; plastic storage containers; signal flares; paper and pencil or pen; needles and thread; medicine dropper; whistle; plastic sheeting and local map. For sanitation pack toilet paper, soap and liquid detergent; feminine supplies; plastic garbage bags with ties; a plastic bucket and lid; disinfectant; and household chlorine bleach.

CLOTHING AND BEDDING: Assemble one or two complete changes of clothing per person, sturdy shoes or work boots, rain gear, blankets or sleeping bags, hat and gloves, thermal underwear and sunglasses.

SPECIALTY ITEMS: **Babies:** formula, diapers, bottles, powdered milk and medication.

Adults: medications, prescriptions, denture needs, eyeglasses and/or contact lenses and related supplies, personal hygiene items.

Entertainment: games, books and several quiet toys for children.

Important Family Documents: wills, insurance policies, bank account numbers, contracts, deeds, passports, stocks and bonds, immunization records, important phone numbers, credit card accounts, Social Security cards and other personal family records.

Equipment: Battery powered NOAA weather radio.

IF DISASTER STRIKES – Remain calm and patient. Put your plan into action.

CHECK FOR INJURIES – Give first aid and get help for seriously injured people.

TUNE IN – Listen to your battery-powered radio for news and instructions.

CHECK FOR DAMAGE IN YOUR HOME

- Use flashlights. Do not light matches or turn on electrical switches if you suspect damage.
- Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly.
- Shut off any damaged utilities. (You will need a professional to turn gas back on.)
- Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline, and other flammable liquids immediately.

REMEMBER

- Confine or secure pets.
- Call your family contact – do not use the phone again unless it's a life-threatening emergency.
- Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or disabled persons.
- Make sure you have an adequate water supply in case service is cut off.
- Stay away from downed power lines.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

*****Remember – 911 Calls Are For Emergency Situations Only*****

Town of Brookhaven451-TOWN
LIPA – **Electric Emergency**.....800-490-0075
National Grid – **Gas Emergency**800-490-0045

WEBSITE RESOURCES

Federal Emergency Management Agency www.fema.gov
National Weather Service www.nws.noaa.gov
New York State Office of Emergency Management www.semo.state.ny.us
American Red Cross..... www.redcross.org
Town of Brookhavenwww.brookhaven.org

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IMPORTANT SOURCES & PHONE NUMBERS



631-451-TOWN (8696)
www.brookhaven.org

HURRICANE AND STORM INFORMATION SOURCES

RADIO

WALK.....97.5
WBAB.....102.3
WRCN.....103.9
WBLI.....106.1

CABLE TELEVISION

NEWS.....12
GOVT. CHANNEL..... 18
WLNY.....55
LI TRAFFIC/WEATHER....61
WEATHER CHANNEL.....62

“EMERGENCY ONLY” 911

GENERAL NUMBERS

Animal Shelter	631-286-4940
Red Cross (24 hour)	631-924-6911
Cablevision	631-267-6900
FEMA	800-621-3362
Highway	631-451-9200
LIPA (Electrical Emergency)	800-490-0075
LIRR	516-931-9213
Nat’l Grid (Gas Emergency)	800-490-0045
NYS Consumer Protection	518-474-8583
NYS Dept. of Insurance	800-342-3736
NYS Dept. of Transportation	518-457-6195
Public Safety Dispatcher	631-451-6161
Public Safety (Admin.)	631-451-6291
Salvation Army	631-654-9380
Senior (Jitney)	631-451-6122
Senior Services	631-451-9191
State Emerg. Mgmt. Office	518-292-2200
SCPD 5 th Precinct	631-854-8500
SCPD 6 th Precinct	631-854-8600
SCPD 7 th Precinct	631-852-8700
SC Public Works	631-852-4010
SC Health Dept.	631-853-3036
SC Transit	631-852-5200
SCWA	631-698-9500
SCWA (24 hour repairs)	631-665-0663
Traffic Signal Repair	631-451-6161
Waste Management	631-451-6222

PUBLIC SAFETY INCORPORATED VILLAGES

Belle Terre	631-928-5785
Bellport	631-286-0327
Lake Grove (ext 115)	631-585-2000
Old Field	631-941-9412
Patchogue	631-475-4300
Poquott	631-476-4043
Port Jefferson	631-473-4724