

TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS

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Stay Informed:

On the Town **Web Site:** www.morristwp.com

Municipal Messenger: Electronic Municipal Messenger to receive all the latest updates on happenings within the Township. Send your email to messenger@morristwp.com or call the Township Administrator's office at 973-326-7360 to sign up.

Nixle: A community information Service dedicated to helping you stay connected to information that matters most. Customize the information and receive it immediately over your cell phone by text or email or even over the web. Online registration available at <http://www.nixle.com>

Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Alerts:  MCUrgent on Facebook  MCUrgent on Twitter  Text Follow to MCUrgent (40404)

Radio: WMTR 1250 AM and WDHA 105.5 FM for updates during disasters.

JCP&L: 1-888-LIGHTSS (544-4877) Or <http://outages.firstenergycorp.com/nj.html>

National Weather Service - <http://www.weather.gov>

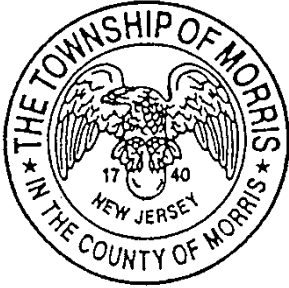
National Hurricane Center - <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>

NJ 2-1-1 - NJ Residents dial 2-1-1, toll-free, for preparedness and disaster-related info 24/7 or www.nj211.org

Text HURRICANE to 43362 (4FEMA) to receive hurricane safety tips directly to your cell phone (standard message and data rates apply).

See the full list of safety tips you can sign up for Federal Emergency Management Agency – www.ready.gov

American Red Cross - <http://www.redcross.org>



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PREPARE:

11 Ways to Prepare Your Family for Emergencies

- 1) Have Emergency Evacuation and Shelter-In-Place Plans:** Think about the possibilities of different events such as floods, earthquakes, and winter storms. Develop escape routes from your home and place of work with pre-identified safe places and gathering points. Make considerations in your plan for family members with special needs and/or pets.
- 2) Have a Family Communications Plan:** Identify an out-of-state contact. After a disaster it's often easier to make a long distance call than a local call in an impacted area. Family members could call this person and relay messages about where they are and if they are ok.
- 3) Have a 72 Hour "Go Kit" Ready:** A portable 72 hour kit that is easily accessible in case you need to leave your home is essential. This should include a three day supply of non-perishable food items and water (a gallon per person per day), a flashlight, a portable battery-operated radio, first aid supplies, prescription medications, a whistle, hygiene products, extra batteries, clothing, and blankets.
- 4) Equip Your Car:** Keep your gas tank full and a "Go Kit" in your car.
- 5) Reduce Home Hazards:** Mitigate hazards at home by keeping heavy objects on lower shelves, securing bookcases and large furniture to walls, and installing a water heater strap.
- 6) Prepare for Utility Disruption:** Plan for alternate sources of power and heat in case normal utility services are interrupted.
- 7) Vital Records and Documents:** Store in a safe place like a safe deposit box but keep copies in your "Go Kit".
- 8) Insurance and Inventory:** Be aware of specific hazards that threaten your area and make sure you have adequate insurance to protect your family from financial loss.
- 9) Municipal Messenger:** Sign up at messenger@morristwp.com. During times of emergency, important information will be disseminated by e-mail on a frequent basis.

10) Pay Attention to “Emergency Alert” Notifications: During an emergency event, listen for alert notifications and follow the instructions given. Know which radio, television stations and web sites will have emergency information in your area. Sign up for emergency text message alerts from the Township at www.nixle.com.

11) New Jersey Special Needs Registry: Residents who require special or extra assistance if and when another emergency arises should register on the Special Needs Registry. **This registry is confidential.** If you use oxygen continuously or only once in a while, require electricity for certain medical equipment, live alone, have limited family support, or would need assistance if you were required to evacuate your home quickly in an emergency; please register at <https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds>

An example of a personal planning guide is available for download.

http://nj.gov/health/er/documents/citizens_guide.pdf.

For additional information about the Special Needs Registry program, please contact the Department of Health at 973-326-7390.

For more information on how to prepare visit:

<http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/plan/pdf/081412>

