

The Township of Tewksbury Office of Emergency Management (OEM) urges residents to prepare for the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

New Jersey's location along the Atlantic Coast leaves us vulnerable to many natural and human-caused hazards. Prepare you and your family today by following a four-step preparedness process: make an emergency plan, have an emergency kit, be informed about disasters, and help members of your community prepare themselves.

Make an Emergency Plan

The first step in preparing for disasters is to make a plan. Have a plan for what you and your family will do in an emergency. Consider how you will communicate with each other, where you will meet, and who you can leave messages with out-of-state if you can't reach people locally. Learn more about preparing a plan:

<http://cms7.revize.com/revize/tewksburytwpnj/Family%20Emergency%20Plan.pdf>

Tewksbury residents who might need additional help in evacuating during a disaster can visit the State of New Jersey "Register Ready – New Jersey's Special Needs Registry for Disasters" which allows residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends, caregivers and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

<https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds/Registration>

Have an Emergency Supply Kit

After you have your plan, start building a kit. Houston residents should have what they need to be on their own for 5-7 days following a storm. This includes food, water, medications, and individual needs such as medical devices or pet supplies.

Stay Informed

If you stay informed, you'll know when disasters are going to strike. Know where to go to get updated information, this includes local television and radio, as well as official websites such as:

- **Tewksbury Township Police Official Facebook Page:** <https://www.Facebook.com/tewkspd>
- **National Weather Service:** <https://www.weather.gov/phi>
- **Hunterdon County OEM:** <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/oem.html>
- **State of New Jersey OEM:** <http://www.ready.nj.gov/>
- **The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:** <https://www.noaa.gov/>

The Township of Tewksbury offers emergency alerts through the NIXLE emergency notification system. People who live or work in Tewksbury can receive emergency

notifications via email, text message and through a mobile app from categories including:

- Emergency Incidents (such as hazmat situations or law enforcement activity)
- Severe Weather information
- Major Traffic & Transit Interruptions
- Missing People (AMBER Alerts & Silver Alerts)
- Information regarding Special Events & Planned Drills
- Recovery information for people impacted by a disaster

Register for alerts today at www.nixle.com and adding “07830” when prompted for a zip code or by texting “07830” to “888777”.

Know your Neighbors

Your neighbors can be a great source of help immediately after a disaster. Get to know your neighbors, particularly those too elderly or too ill to independently plan or prepare themselves for a disaster. By knowing your neighbors ahead of time, your community will work better as a team when disasters strike.