

**Build Your Disaster
Supplies Kit**

Water

- Store one gallon of drinking water per person, per day for drinking and sanitation
- Keep at least a four (4) day supply for each person in your household

Food

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables
- Evaporated milk, canned juice, soup
- Food for infants, elderly persons, special diets
- Pet food and extra water for your pet

Additional Supplies

- 2-week supply of prescription medications
- Non-prescription: pain relievers, antacids
- Infant bottles, diapers, wipes
- Hearing aids, extra batteries
- Cash or traveler’s check
- Important documents

Tools and Supplies

- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Paper plates, cups, and plastic utensils
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in waterproof container
- Manual can opener
- Wrench / Pliers to turn off utilities
- Heavy work gloves
- Whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes, toilet paper, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Cell phone with charger and a backup battery

Shelter Supplies /Emergency Travel

- Change of clothes and shoes
- Prescription Medication
- Glasses, hearing aid, contacts – case and solution
- Hygiene products (toothbrush, deodorant, Shampoo, feminine supplies)
- Baby needs (diapers, formula)
- Warm Blankets or Sleeping bag
- Driver’s license / other identification
- Paper and pencil
- Entertainment - Books, cards, puzzles

CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY.....911

Portsmouth Police

Emergency.....(401) 683-2422
Non-emergency.....(401) 683-0300

Portsmouth Fire

Emergency.....(401) 683-1500
Non-emergency.....(401) 683-1200

Emergency Management

Portsmouth.....(401) 683-1200
www.portsmouthri.com/143/Emergency-Management
State.....(401) 946-9996
<http://www.riema.ri.gov>



**Rhode Island
CodeRed**

www.portsmouthri.com/423/CodeRED



**Rhode Island
Special Needs Emergency**

www.health.ri.gov/emergency/about/specialneedsregistry



**Red Cross Shelter
The Gaudet Gym**

260 Turner Road
Middletown, RI 02842

- *No pets allowed, except service animals with documentation.*
- **Shelter location may change at any time.**



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**HURRICANE
PREPAREDNESS
GUIDE**



**Be Ready
Be Safe
Be Prepared**

What is a Hurricane?

Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over warm ocean waters and move toward land.

When wind speeds reach **74** miles per hour, it's officially called a hurricane.

The **Atlantic hurricane season** runs:
June 1 to November 30

Category	Wind Speed (mph)	Damage at Landfall
1	74-95	Minimal
2	96-110	Moderate
3	111-130	Extensive
4	131-155	Extreme
5	>155	Catastrophic

Threats from hurricanes include powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, tornadoes, and landslides.

Why is this important to me?

Know your Risks.

The Problem.

The **lack of knowledge for hurricane preparedness** is a global concern.

Severity of Problem.

The lack of knowledge for disaster preparedness is severe.

A 2015 report by the Council for Excellence in Government found one-third (**32%**) of **US residents took no steps to prepare for potential emergencies**, with lack of awareness, beliefs and resources (time, knowledge, money) being cited as the main reasons.

The Impact.

The lack of knowledge on how to prepare for a hurricane can have a **life-altering impact** on individuals, families, and their communities.

The Solution.

Hurricane preparedness reduces the risk of **loss of lives and injuries** and increases a capacity to cope with hazard when it occurs.

Before Hurricane Season

- Sign-up for **CodeRED**.
It's the community's alert system.
Receive text, email, phone calls – landlines/cell.
- Many people need extra help during an emergency, including people who: use life support systems such as oxygen or dialysis, have mobility disabilities, are visually and/or hearing impaired, developmental or mental health disabilities, use assistive animals or a prosthesis. Enrolling in the **Special Needs Emergency Registry** lets police, fire, and other first responders in your community better prepare for and respond to your needs during a hurricane, storm, or other emergency.
- Learn community evacuation routes.
- Learn the location of the Emergency Shelter.
- Have a basic first aid kit on hand.
- Create a family emergency plan. Doing so will help family members stay in touch and know what to do in the event of a severe storm.
- Make emergency plans for pets, as they are not allowed in shelters.
- Ensure your vehicle is operating properly. Keep the gas tank filled.
- Check all emergency equipment: generators, flashlights, radio are in working order.
- Make sure gutters are clean of debris.
- Trim dead or weak branches from trees.
- Review your insurance policy.
- Have cash on hand in case power goes out and credit machines or ATMs do not work.
- Gather important papers: property insurance, medical, and veterinary records. Place in a waterproof container.
- If you own a boat, have a pre-arranged plan for its safety and security.
- Plan to secure outside furniture to lessen the risk of flying debris.
- Prepare to protect windows with shutters or pre-cut plywood.
- Take pictures of home, property, valuables, boat prior to damage for insurance purposes.



During the Storm

- ✓ **Stay informed.** Follow hurricane progress reports.
- ✓ Stay inside your home. **DO NOT** leave unless told to by emergency officials.
- ✓ Turn off all propane tanks.
- ✓ Unplug small appliances.
- ✓ Stay away from windows and doors.
- ✓ Turn refrigerator to coldest setting and keep closed.
- ✓ Fill a bathtub with water and use for sanitary purposes only.
- ✓ DO NOT use candles
- ✓ Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery **OUTDOORS ONLY** and away from windows.
- ✓ **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY IF TOLD TO DO SO BY OFFICIALS.**



After the Storm

- ✓ Monitor media outlets for official news of the storm passing and road conditions.
- ✓ Watch for closed roads. **Do Not** enter barricaded or flooded roads.
- ✓ Stay away from moving water.
- ✓ It takes only 6-inches of fast-moving water to knock over and carry away an adult.
- ✓ Beware of downed or loose power lines. Report them immediately to power company, police, or fire department.
- ✓ Clean and dry out your home if there has been flooding.
- ✓ Take pictures of the damage for insurance claims and contact your insurance agent.

Take an Active Role in your Safety.
Be Prepared.

