



HURRICANE & STORM AWARENESS

HURRICANES ARE CONSIDERED A THREAT TO OUR AREA. THE JERSEY SHORE HAS SUFFERED FROM HURRICANES AND OTHER MAJOR STORMS IN THE PAST, MOST RECENTLY WITH SUPERSTORM SANDY. WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING PLAN TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS IF A POTENTIAL STORM IS FORECASTED IN THE FUTURE...

BEFORE A STORM

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF FRESH, CURED WATER. CONSIDER HAVING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF WATER BOTTLES SOMEWHERE IN YOUR HOME. ALSO PURCHASE NON-PERISHABLE FOODS SUCH AS CANNED GOODS. IF YOUR HOUSE IS IN AN AREA THAT IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO HURRICANES, CONTEMPLATE RAISING YOUR HOUSE SO IT WILL TAKE LESS DAMAGE FROM THE STORM. IF YOUR HOUSE HASN'T BEEN RAISED AND YOU CAN'T EVACUATE, IT WOULD BE BEST TO PICK A SECURE ROOM IN YOUR HOME. MAKE SURE THAT THE ROOM IS ELEVATED IN CASE WATER LEVELS RISE. YOUR 'SAFE ROOM' SHOULD CONTAIN FIRST-AID KITS.

DURING MOST HURRICANES, THE POWER MAY GO OUT. THIS MEANS YOU MAY NOT HAVE LIGHTS, TELEVISION, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT REQUIRES ELECTRICITY. PURCHASE FLASHLIGHTS AND EXTRA BATTERIES. CANDLES ARE TOO DANGEROUS FOR THIS SITUATION. IF POSSIBLE, YOU SHOULD TRY TO PURCHASE A GENERATOR. IF THE POWER GOES OUT YOU CAN USE THE GENERATOR FOR ESSENTIAL APPLIANCES.

DURING A STORM

YOU WANT TO TRY TO BE SOMEWHERE THAT HAS FEW TO NO WINDOWS BECAUSE OF THE STRONG WINDS. WINDOWS (IF YOU DON'T BOARD THEM UP) CAN SHATTER. YOU WANT TO MONITOR THE WEATHER ON ANY TYPE OF RADIO OR PHONE SO YOU CAN STAY UP TO DATE ON THE STORM, TOO. ALSO, STAY INDOORS WHEN THE EYE OF THE STORM MOVES OVER YOU.

AFTER A STORM

YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT AFTER A HURRICANE HAS HIT, IT IS SAFE TO RESUME YOUR NORMAL LIFE, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE THE SAME. SOMETIMES THAT IS NOT THE CASE. THESE ARE THINGS TO DO RIGHT AFTER HUGE STORMS TO HELP ENSURE THINGS GET BACK TO NORMAL IN A SAFE WAY.

- LISTEN TO A LOCAL NEWS STATION, IF POSSIBLE, AND CHECK FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS BULLETINS, AND INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE STORM AREA, MEDICAL AID, AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE.
- MAKE SURE THAT THE STORM IS REALLY OVER. SOMETIMES THERE ARE BREAKS BETWEEN STORMS THAT LEAD YOU TO THINK THAT IT IS OVER.
- REMEMBER, YOU DO NOT HAVE AUTOMATIC ACCESS TO YOUR ORIGINAL HOME IF YOU HAVE BEEN EVACUATED, THEREFORE DO NOT ASSUME YOU CAN GO BACK TO IT UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD BY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.