

What to do...

WHEN A WARNING IS ANNOUNCED:

Do not wait until the last minute! Tune to your local radio or TV station for information. Clear your property of loose objects. Shutter or board all windows and secure double-door entrances. Take down awnings and tape all windows. Move your boat to a safe harbor and moor securely. Do not stay with the boat!

Gather important items to take to the shelter in the event of an evacuation such as: prescription medications, eyeglasses, cash, credit cards, checkbooks, expensive jewelry, important documents, change of clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, necessary toiletries, flashlight, infant and children needs, toys, books and magazines. Store drinking water in clean containers. Fill the bathtub with water to use upon your return in the event public water is contaminated. Relocate pets to a safe place with adequate water and food. Take necessary medications and shot records.

PLAN ON BEING SELF-SUFFICIENT FOR THE FIRST 48 HOURS!!

Plan your evacuation route, know where to go and follow the directions of Emergency Management Personnel.

WHEN TOLD TO EVACUATE:

Place your important items in the trunk of your vehicle. Shut off the **WATER, GAS** and **ELECTRIC UTILITIES** if told to do so. Secure your home and **LEAVE!**

Do so without hesitation! The longer you wait to leave, the more likely you will encounter vehicular grid-lock as Long Beach Island and Stafford Township residents converge onto Route 72, the **ONLY** access westbound.

Follow directions given by Emergency Management personnel.

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WHEN ALLOWED TO RETURN:

For information on the Long Beach Island Re-entry placards please visit your town's website for details.

Remain in your shelter until told by local authorities that it is safe to leave. You may be told you can safely return via radio, television or emergency personnel at the shelter.

Call your contact: Tell them you're going to return and when you will call again.

The return to Long Beach Island will most likely involve vehicular gridlock onto Route 72 and the Causeway Bridge, the **ONLY** access eastbound.

Stay away from disaster areas. Do not impede crucial rescue and recovery efforts.

Do **not** call your local Police Department during a disaster, unless you have a true emergency.

Visit your town's website to learn how to stay connected with Nixle



BE AWARE OF HIDDEN DANGERS!

Drive only when necessary and be especially careful! Streets may be filled with debris, downed power lines and other hazards. Gas, sewer and water lines may be damaged. Roads may collapse under the weight of vehicles.

Stay away from flooded areas. Even shallow, swiftly moving flood waters can be deadly.

Check refrigerated food for spoilage. Don't risk infection by eating spoiled food.

Definitions

MEAN SEA LEVEL (MSL) The water elevations observed over a specific cycle. Monthly mean sea level and yearly mean sea level.

MEAN LOW WATER (MLW) The average of low tide heights observed over a specific cycle.

MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW) The average of the lower water heights of a mixed tide over a specific cycle.

STORM SURGE A large dome of water often 50 to 100 miles wide that sweeps across the coastline. This is our greatest threat to life and property.

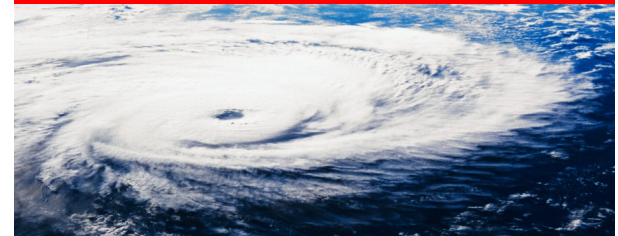
It's important to know the elevation of your building as it relates to these definitions (Mean Sea Level and Mean Lower Low Water) as the forecasters will use these terms to predict the height of the storm surge. Remember, storm surge may run higher than predicted!

HURRICANE WATCH An announcement that hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to a specific coastal area within 36 hours.

HURRICANE WARNING A warning that sustained winds of 74 mph or higher are expected in a specified coastal area within 24 hours or less.

HURRICANE CATEGORIES

Category I	winds 74-95 mph
Category II	winds 96-110 mph
Category III	winds 111-130 mph
Category IV	winds 131-155 mph



Prepare and Plan Before Disaster Strikes

Arrange **NOW** with a relative or friend out of this area to take messages from you in an emergency; advise relatives to call **ONLY** that telephone number to inquire about your safety. Phone lines and cell towers in the area might be damaged and, if not, they will be heavily utilized.

Keep important papers such as birth & marriage certificates, deeds, car titles, flood and homeowner's insurance policies, etc., in a safety deposit box or waterproof/fireproof safe. Stock up on nonperishable essentials such as canned foods, bottled water and plastic utensils.

Keep battery operated radios and flashlights handy with plenty of extra batteries. Keep an adequate supply of prescription medication on hand. Make sure your vehicle is well maintained and has a full tank of fuel.

Keep tree limbs trimmed, especially if they hang over wires or your house. Remove or secure any loose materials from your yard such as chairs, tables, wood, trash cans etc.

If you have a pet, purchase a pet carrier and arrange with a vet or animal shelter to have your pet housed during an emergency. Also keep a copy of their shot records with you. **NOTE:** Pets are only permitted in designated evacuation shelters!

Visit www.ready.gov for more on preparedness

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you are in need of transportation or special help in order to evacuate, register with your municipal Office of Emergency Management NOW! DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AN EMERGENCY STRIKES!

For additional information or to register please contact the Long Beach Island Health Department. All information is strictly confidential.

609-492-1212

Offices of Emergency Management Websites

- [Http://BarnegatLight.org](http://BarnegatLight.org)
- [Http://StaffordNJ.gov](http://StaffordNJ.gov)
- [Http://ShipBottom.org](http://ShipBottom.org)
- [Http://BeachHaven-NJ.gov](http://BeachHaven-NJ.gov)
- [Http://www.lbtspd.org](http://www.lbtspd.org)
- [Http://hcopolice.org/](http://hcopolice.org/)



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Long Beach Island Emergency Management

POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Barnegat Light– Long Beach Twp.....	609-494-3322
Beach Haven.....	609-492-0505
Harvey Cedars.....	609-494-3036
Long Beach Township.....	609-494-3322
Ship Bottom.....	609-494-1518
Stafford Township.....	609-597-8581

OFFICES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DURING THE HOURS OF EMERGENCY ACTIVATION ONLY

Barnegat Light.....	609-494-1511
Beach Haven.....	609-492-1500
Harvey Cedars.....	609-494-1767
Long Beach Township.....	609-494-3322
Ship Bottom.....	609-361-1962
Stafford Township.....	609-597-8581
Ocean County OEM.....	800-331-8152

NOAA WEATHER RADIO

162.40 MHZ and 162.55 MHZ on VHF FM

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

LBI Emergency Management Radio Station 1650 AM

90.7 FM WYRS	99.7 FM WBHX
92.7 FM WOBB	100.1 FM WJRZ
98.5 FM WBBO	107.1 FM WWZY
107.3 FM WPUR	106.5 FW WTHJ

TELEVISION STATIONS

Comcast Cable Channels 21 & 22
Comcast Cable Weather Channels 39 & 101

FEMA WEBSITE: <http://www.fema.gov/>
NOAA WEBSITE: <http://www.noaa.gov/>

