

## 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](http://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://beachhaven-nj.gov](http://beachhaven-nj.gov)  
[Http://hcopolice.org](http://hcopolice.org)  
[Http://lbtpd.org](http://lbtpd.org)  
[Http://shipbottom.org](http://shipbottom.org)  
[Http://surfcity-nj.gov.us](http://surfcity-nj.gov.us)  
[Http://staffordnj.gov](http://staffordnj.gov)



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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  
 Surf City.....609-494-8121  
 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.....609-494-2171  
 Ext. 105  
 Surf City.....609-494-8121  
 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
91.9 FM WBNJ	100.1 FM WJRZ
92.7 FM WOBN	106.5 FM WTHJ
98.5 FM WBBO	107.3 FM WPUR

### 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/>  
 LBI OEM WEBSITE: <http://www.lbioc.org/>



# What to do...

## TO RECEIVE WARNINGS:

Sign up now for Nixle. The communities of Long Beach Island and Stafford Township participate in an emergency notification system called Nixle. Nixle utilizes mobile phone texting and/or email to keep our communities advised of both emergent and non-emergent local information. Nixle is a FREE service and you can become a participant by signing up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).



Long Beach Island and Stafford Township Police Departments also use recorded emergency notification systems to send warnings and alerts to telephone service subscribers. Check with your phone service provider to make sure you are part of your local emergency alert system.

Once local emergency managers are made aware of a flooding or other emergency, warnings will be issued to the affected areas. Evacuation and other warnings will be sent out via one or more of the following methods: Nixle messages, television and radio stations, social media, message boards and/or route alerting, which is when emergency personnel in vehicles travel along assigned roads and deliver emergency instructions with public address systems or by door-to-door notification.



# 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, take down awnings and secure double-door entrances. 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.

# What to do...

## WHEN ALLOWED TO RETURN:

For information on the Long Beach Island Re-entry placards please visit your town's website for details. Note that no placards are issued within 72 hours of a storm!

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.

## **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.