

Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island



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HURRICANE & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR RESIDENTS

While no active alerts, warnings, or watches have been issued for the Town of North Kingstown at this time, we are in hurricane season. The following information is provided to help guide and inform residents of our community prior to a hurricane warning, watch, and/or other significant weather event is broadcasted for our area:

Be Prepared:

- Sign up for Code Red alerts: <https://www.northkingstownri.gov/386/Sign-Up-for-Code-Red>
- Prepare a [First Aid Kit and Emergency Supply Kit](#) available to include diapers, sanitary supplies, hand sanitizer, mobility devices, eyeglasses, etc.



- It is recommended to keep a 3-day supply of food and water on hand. Include non-perishable staples, a can opener, disposable plates/utensils, etc. as needed.
 - ✓ *Minimum recommendation: One gallon of water per person, per day.*
- It is recommended to have a NOAA hand-cranked or battery-operated weather radio.
- If applicable: have books, games and other non-electronic games ready for children.



- Residents with disabilities should register with the **Rhode Island Special Needs Registry**, a statewide database shared with each community for resident check-ins prior to and after storm events: <https://health.ri.gov/emergency/about/specialneedsregistry/>
 - ✓ If you are a caregiver for an older adult or for someone with particular healthcare needs, read the Disaster Preparedness Guide for Caregivers from FEMA: https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2024-02/ready-gov_caregivers-prparedness-guide.pdf

If a Storm is Imminent:

- Secure or remove all loose items (furniture, décor, etc.) in your yard and on/around your home.
- Ensure necessary electronic devices are charged and have battery backup options available for flashlights and cell phones.
- Ensure your vehicle's gas tank remains at least half-full during hurricane season to avoid long lines at gas pumps or station shortages immediately prior to a hurricane; for EV drivers, it is recommended to maintain your battery between 50-80% capacity to ensure safe evacuation if necessary.

Be Proactive:

Have a family Emergency Plan in place before a storm warning/watch is issued.

- Discuss with your family potential evacuation routes and locations should it be necessary to vacate your home/neighborhood due to a hurricane.
- Share your contact information and emergency plan with your family. Program emergency contact numbers into your phone/electronic devices before you'll need them.
- Know your evacuation zones/routes:
<https://www.northkingstownri.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1242/Hurricane-Evacuation-PDF>
- Identify important personal documents and medications and be prepared to take them with you [in (a) water-proof container(s)] in the event of an evacuation order:
 - ✓ Personal information: Health insurance cards. Copies of social security cards. Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates. Medical records. Banking information. Credit card numbers. Copy of will and other legal documents.
 - ✓ Dependent vaccination records. List of prescription medications, current medication schedule and prescribing doctor's contact information; 2-week supply of medications
 - ✓ Pet records to include vaccines and proof of ownership; food, leashes, medications, and bowls, etc. as needed for several days of proper care.
 - ✓ Set of house/car/office/etc. keys.
 - ✓ Changes of weather-appropriate clothes and boots, gloves and jackets for each family member.



Things to Consider:

- Is your home in a flood-prone area or are your exit plans affected by a flood-prone area?
 - ✓ Check official GIS Flood Maps for your address here:
<https://risegis.ri.gov/portal/apps/Style/index.html?appid=37dc9eac2c154547a4d7d1bc9f1934e7>
- Do you have trees that may cause damage to your home, or one nearby, should they succumb to heavy winds?
- Do you have windows that may be susceptible to storm damage/breakage that can be addressed by covering/taping them?

Important Phone Numbers & Websites

- United Way Information Line: <http://www.211ri.org> or call 2-1-1
- Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry: www.health.ri.gov/emregistry
- Rhode Island Department of Health: (401) 222-5960 <http://health.ri.gov/>
- Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency 401-946-9996 <http://www.riema.ri.gov/>
- American Red Cross: 877-RED-CROSS or (877) 733-2767 www.redcross.org
- Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222
- Rhode Island Energy to report a gas emergency: (800) 640-1595, or call 9-1-1
- Rhode Island Energy to report a power outage: (855) 743-1102
- Report suspicious terrorist activity: (401) 444-1117
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.emergency.cdc.gov
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) www.ready.gov for additional Emergency Preparedness Information
- Flood Safety and Insurance www.floodsmart.gov
- National Weather Service www.noaa.gov
 - ✓ Ready America <https://www.ready.gov/>
- Local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) <https://riema.ri.gov/planning-mitigation/local-contacts>

For Local News and Weather Information:

- *Local TV:*
 - ✓ WPRI: <https://www.wpri.com/>
 - ✓ NBC10/WJAR: <https://turnto10.com/>
 - ✓ ABC6: <http://www.abc6.com/>
- *Print Media:*
 - ✓ Providence Journal: <https://www.providencejournal.com/>
 - ✓ The Standard Times: https://www.ricentral.com/nk_standard_times/
 - ✓ The Independent: <https://www.independentri.com/>
- *Radio:* News Talk 630 WPRO (99.7 FM/630 AM)
- *Social Media:*
 - ✓ Town of North Kingstown: <http://facebook.com/north.kingstown>
 - ✓ Rhode Island Department of Health: <http://www.Twitter.com/RIHealth> & <http://www.Facebook.com/HealthRI>
 - ✓ Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.Twitter.com/RhodeIslandEMA> & <http://www.Facebook.com/RhodeIslandEMA>
 - ✓ NOAA NWS National Hurricane Center: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSNHC>
- North Kingstown Public Safety links: <https://www.northkingstownri.gov/481/Public-Safety>

Local Public Safety Contacts

Always dial 9-1-1 first in an emergency

- North Kingstown Fire Department: (401) 294-3346
- North Kingstown Police Department: (401) 294-3316
- North Kingstown shares a regional emergency storm shelter with Narragansett and South Kingstown, housed in South Kingstown at the former Broad Rock School on Broad Rock Road. It is activated and opened on an as-needed basis as determined by North Kingstown Emergency Management. Notification will occur via media outlets, social media, and the town website.