

# ARE YOU READY FOR A HURRICANE?

Here's what to do to prepare for such an emergency.

Know what a hurricane WATCH and Warning means:

- ✓ WATCH: Hurricane conditions are possible in the specified area of the WATCH, usually within 36 hours.
- ✓ WARNING: Hurricane conditions are *expected* in the specified area of the WARNING, usually within 24 hours.

Prepare a Personal Evacuation Plan:

- ✓ Identify ahead of time where you would go if you are told to evacuate. Choose several places - a friend's home in another town, a motel, or a shelter.
- ✓ Keep handy the telephone numbers of these places as well as a road map of your locality. You may need to take alternative or unfamiliar routes if major roads are closed or clogged.
- ✓ Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for evacuation instructions. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit containing:

- ✓ First aid kit and essential medications.
- ✓ Canned food and can opener.
- ✓ At least three gallons of water per person.
- ✓ Protective clothing, rainwear and bedding or sleeping bags.
- ✓ Battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- ✓ Special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members.

- ✓ Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember, you'll need a professional to turn natural gas service back on.)

Prepare for high winds:

- ✓ Install hurricane shutters or purchase pre-cut ½" outdoor plywood boards for each window of your home. Install anchors for the plywood and pre-drill holes in the plywood so that you can put it up quickly.
- ✓ Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased and damaged limbs, then strategically remove branches so that wind can blow through.

Know what to do when a hurricane WATCH IS issued:

- ✓ Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for up-to-date storm information.
- ✓ Prepare to bring inside any lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants, and anything else that can be picked up by the wind.
- ✓ Prepare to cover *all* windows of your home. If shutters have not been installed, use pre-cut plywood as described above. *Note:* Tape does not prevent windows from breaking, so taping windows is not recommended.
- ✓ Fill your car's gas tank.
- ✓ Recheck manufactured home tie-downs.
- ✓ Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water and medications.

IDENTIFY what to do when a hurricane WARNING is issued:

- ✓ Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so.
- ✓ Complete preparation activities.
- ✓ If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows.
- ✓ Be aware that the calm "eye" is deceptive; the storm is not over. The worst part of the storm will happen once the eye passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings, and other objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the second winds.
- ✓ Be alert for tornadoes. Tornadoes can happen during a hurricane and after it passes over. Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.
- ✓ Stay away from flood waters. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car and climb to higher ground.

Know what to do after a hurricane is over:

- ✓ Keep listening to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for instructions.
- ✓ If you are evacuated, return home when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.
- ✓ Inspect your home for damage.
- ✓ Use flashlights at all times; avoid using candles.

# HURRICANE NOTICE TO FAIRHAVEN RESIDENTS



**Emergency operating center during a hurricane will be at the Fire Station.**

## **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE:**

POLICE.....508-997-7421  
POLICE.....508-997-1344  
POLICE.....911  
FIRE.....508-994-1428  
FIRE.....508-992-9717  
FIRE.....911  
AMBULANCE.....911  
SELECTMEN.....508-979-4023  
BUILDING.....508-979-4019  
HIGHWAY.....508-979-4031  
SEWER.....508-979-4030  
WATER.....508-979-4032

REVERSE 911 – Sign up to receive calls <http://www.pcsdma.org/codeRED.asp> or call Fairhaven Police or Fire for more information.

**Emergency shelter – bring your own bedding:**

Hastings Middle School

## **Road Blocks – Vehicle Pass:**

Scotcut Neck Road and Causeway Road to West Island will be closed prior to hurricane arrival. Police road block will be at Scotcut Neck Road and David Drown Boulevard. All residents and service personnel will need to stop at check point to gain access to the Scotcut Neck Area.

Hurricane passes are available at the BPW Building, 5 Arsene Street Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Phone #508-979-4030. Proof needed for pass: Car registration, real estate bill, rental agreement.

**Avoid all down wires. Do not cross flooded streets.**

## **Do's and Don'ts for gas powered generators:**

- Talk to an electrician about the size you need to do the job.
- Have a transfer switch installed, which stops the electricity you generate from flowing back through the lines, which could possibly cause future damage to a lineman or repairman working on a pole.
- If using a gasoline generator, make sure the generator is placed outside away from windows and doors. This should avoid any "CO" problems in the building. If the generator is kept inside, it must be vented to the outside air.
- Also, when using a gas powered generator, do not refuel it indoors.
- If you do not have a transfer switch installed and are plugging in your portable generator, make sure the main breaker is shut down so that power will not flow back through the lines.

## **REMINDERS:**

Make arrangements to move elderly or handicapped family members to higher ground. If someone you know requires the use of home medical equipment, and the loss of electricity for an extended period of time may result in a life threatening situation, we would like you to contact police headquarters. We would like to follow up on any resident who is deemed as high risk and will be of priority response in an effort to ensure their safety and well-being.

Please contact Detective Pamela A. Bourgault, FPD at 508-997-1344. Anyone on oxygen should contact their oxygen company to order another tank or order another tank already in use filled as a precaution pending hurricane warnings / predictions.

## **WATER MAIN SHUT OFFS 2-4 HOURS PRIOR TO STORM WILL INCLUDE:**

1. All of West Island and Causeway Road
2. All of Wilbur's Point
3. All of Winsegansett Heights area
4. All side streets off Scotcut Neck Road on the east and west sides
5. All streets in the Manhattan Avenue area including Bayview Avenue, Bay Street, Grove Street, Harvard Street and Highland Avenue
6. Fairhaven Shipyard
7. Fort Phoenix
8. Doane Street
9. Farmfield Street
10. All areas south of the Hurricane Dike / Scott Street area
11. Shawmut Street
12. Pierce's Point
13. Weeden Road – west side of Sakonet area

**ALL SEWER PUMPING STATIONS AND TREATMENT PLANT MAY BE / OR WILL BE SHUT DOWN. REDUCE YOUR WATER USAGE.**