

HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

TERMS TO KNOW

HURRICANE WATCH:

Hurricane conditions are a real possibility for an area

HURRICANE WARNING:

A hurricane is expected within 24 hours.
BEGIN PRECAUTIONARY ACTIONS AT ONCE.

AT HURRICANE WARNING:

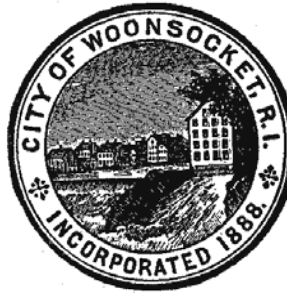
1. Listen for weather updates and stay informed.
2. Keep portable radio and flashlight on hand– with fresh batteries.
3. Clear your yard of all loose objects.
4. Moor your boat securely.
5. Store drinking water in clear containers.
6. Shutter, board or tape windows.
7. Plan a flood-free evacuation route.
8. **IF ORDERED TO EVACUATE-OBEY IMMEDIATELY!** Take your **HURRICANE EVACUATION KIT**. Let friends and neighbors know where you are going.
9. **DO NOT RETURN TO EVACUATED AREAS UNTIL LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED AN ALL-CLEAR.**

HURRICANE EVACUATION KIT

Keep this kit ready to go. Include enough water and canned or boxed food for each member of your household for at least three days, plus the following:

* Flashlight * Battery-operated radio * Extra batteries *
First aid kit * Blankets or sleeping bags * Lightweight folding chairs/cots * Extra clothing * Prescription Medicines * Personal items including books and toys * Hygiene supplies (toothpaste, soap, razor, etc.) * Important papers & especially official I.D.s.

For more information, contact your local Emergency Management Agency.



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

Fire Dept. Emergency	401-766-1234
Police Dept. Emergency	401-769-1111
Public Works	401-767-9210
Woonsocket School Dept.	401-767-4600
Woonsocket Hospital	401-769-4100
RI Emergency Management Agency	401-946-9996
RI State Police	401-728-2211

Dear Citizens:

My Administration is at work on a daily basis to assure the public safety of our residents. It is my hope that this leaflet will give you some helpful tips to keep both you and your family safe. Please remember that if needed, the City's first responders, our fire and police professionals, are always there to help you. Be observant and be safe.

Mayor Susan D. Menard

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CITY OF WOONSOCKET

Preparing for Severe Weather Conditions



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FLOOD SAFETY TIPS

Some floods develop slowly, while flash floods can strike in a matter of minutes.



TERMS TO KNOW

FLOOD WATCH: Flooding is possible-stay tuned to radio or TV for information.
FLASH FLOOD WATCH: Flash flooding is possible and could occur without warning-stay tuned to radio or TV and be prepared to move to higher ground.

FLOOD WARNING: Flooding is occurring or is about to.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING: A flash flood is occurring-get to higher ground if necessary.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY IN CASE OF FLOODING:

- Learn flood evacuation routes and where to find high ground.
- Evacuate if instructed by authorities and return home only when they say it's safe.
- Be aware of streams, washes and other low-lying areas that are prone to sudden flooding.
- Never walk through moving water more than six inches deep.
- Do not drive into flooded areas.
- Avoid camping in areas along streams, and washes especially during threatening conditions.

BEWARE OF LIGHTING

Inside:

- Avoid showering, bathing, and using a phone that has a cord except in an emergency
- Unplug appliances and computers and turn off air conditioners.

Outside:

- In a forest seek shelter under small trees. Never stand under a tall tree in an open area.
- In an open area, go to a low place such as a valley or ravine but beware of flash floods.
- Stay away from metal fences, pipes, and machinery.

TORNADO SAFETY TIPS

These violent storms can strike anywhere at anytime with little warning. Stay alert to these danger signs:

- Severe thunderstorms with strong, gusty winds.
- A dark, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from the sky to the ground.
- A roaring sound.

TERMS TO KNOW

Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible-watch the sky and stay tuned to radio or TV stations for warnings.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted or detected by weather radar-**take shelter immediately.**

AT HOME: Go to your storm shelter or basement, or a

IF THERE IS A TORNADO WARNING PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

central room on the lowest level. Stay away from windows.

IN A MOBIL HOME OR TRAILER: These structures provide little protection. Leave and go to storm shelter or the lowest level of a sturdy building.

IN A PUBLIC BUILDING: Go to the designated shelter area or to an interior hallway on the lowest floor.

IN YOUR CAR: Stop, get out, and go to storm shelter or lowest level in a nearby building.

IN OPEN COUNTRY: Lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Do not get under an overpass or bridge.

Make a 72- Hour Kit

Your home 72-hour kit should contain at least the following items:

- One gallon of water per person per day. This means at least three gallons of water per person.
- Sufficient non-perishable food for three days. Ideally, these foods will be lightweight and high in energy. If you pack canned foods, remember a can opener!
- Prescription and non-prescription medications. Include a spare set of glasses, if you need them.
- Battery powered portable radio. This may be your only source of information during a disaster.
- First aid kit. The small camping kits work well. Remember to get enough supplies for the number of people who may be using them.
- Personal hygiene items.
- Clothing and bedding. A spare pair of socks and a space saver blanket would be minimum.
- Special Items such as baby needs or contact lens supplies, etc.
- Personal comfort items.

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