

Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery



PREPAREDNESS

1. Pack an emergency preparedness kit (nonperishables, flashlight/batteries, first aid kit, sanitation supplies, toiletries, extra clothing/shoes, battery-powered radio, medications, etc.)
2. Store important documents like passports, Social Security cards, etc., in a waterproof container.
3. Create a disaster plan. Include shelter options, means to receive emergency alerts, store emergency contacts in phone, route for evacuation.



RESPONSE

1. Remove yourself and loved ones from danger. Ensure safety, shelter, and water/food.
2. Once cleared by local officials, inspect your home/business & relocate salvageable property. Document and list all damages. Save all receipts as part of claim process.
3. DO NOT enter if you smell gas or floodwaters remain around building. Beware of animals, loose power lines, gas leaks, and structural damage.



RECOVERY

1. For any immediate needs (e.g. food and shelter), contact your local officials and voluntary organizations.
2. If you have insurance and damages, contact your insurance agent to file a claim.
3. Use support networks (friends, family, faith-based institutions, etc.) to help manage reactions to disaster.

NJ Emergency Response Resources

- 1. Emergency Medical Assistance:** Please dial 9-1-1
- 2. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Helpline:** 800-621-3362
- 3. County Offices of Emergency Management**
 - Hunterdon: 908-788-1196
 - Morris: 973-285-2900 or 800-564-4656
 - Somerset: 908-526-2500
 - Sussex: 973-940-5500
 - Warren: 908-835-2030
- 3. Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990
- 4. County Offices for Senior Services**
 - Hunterdon: 908-788-1361
 - Morris: 973-285-6848
 - Somerset: 908-704-6346
 - Sussex: 973-579-0555
 - Warren: 908-475-6591
- 5. NJ 211:** Dial 2-1-1 or 1-877-652-1148
- 6. Emergency Shelter:** Locate options by zip code by visiting the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org or Salvation Army at www.salvationarmyusa.org, or by texting SHELTER and your zip code (for example, "SHELTER 01234") to 4FEMA (43362). For Spanish text REFUGIO and your zip code. (Standard text message rates apply.) You can also download the FEMA Mobile App to find open shelters.
- 7. Legal Services of Northwest Jersey-**<https://www.lsnwj.org/>
 - Hunterdon: 908-782-7979
 - Morris: 973-285-6911
 - Somerset: 908-231-0840
 - Sussex: 973-383-7400
 - Warren: 908-475-2010