The first line of defense against the effects of a disaster is personal preparedness.

Stay Informed

Call 2-1-1

The 2-1-1 service provides information on homeland security, human services, flood and recovery and weather disasters as well as preparedness and safety information.

Tune in to Local Stations

Listen for emergency information on local radio, broadcast and cable television stations.

WIBG 1020 AM, WCMC 1230 AM, WMID 1340 AM, WOND 1400 AM, ESPN 1450 AM, WBSS LaFIESTA 1490 AM, WIBG 94.3 FM, WAYV 95.1/102.3 FM, WTKU 98.3 FM, WTTH 96.1 FM, WFPG 96.9 FM, WCZT 98.7 FM, WZBZ 99.3 FM, WZXL 100.7 FM, WMGM 103.7 FM, WSJO 104.9 FM, WFNE 106.3 FM, WPUR 107.3 FM and WMGM TV 40

Helpful Information on the Web

For more information about hurricane preparedness safety tips and pre-evacuation measures, please consult the following websites:

capemaycountygov.net
erh.noaa.gov/er/phi
prepare.org
ready.gov
registerready.nj.gov
state.nj.us/njoem

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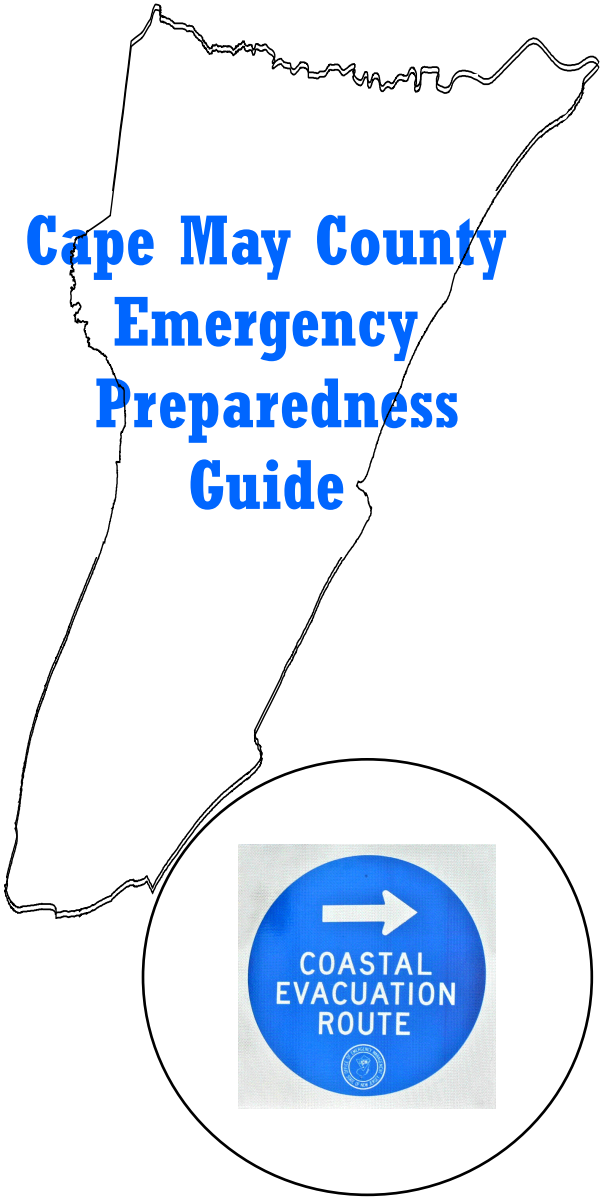

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Be Prepared

Create an Emergency Plan

- Pre-plan your arrangements to stay with family or friends outside of Cape May County and outside of the Hurricane Impact Area.
- Establish an out-of-state friend to act as a contact for separated family members.
- Show each member of the household how to turn off water, gas and electricity. Consider neighbors who may need assistance.
- Gather valuable papers such as social security cards, birth certificates, deeds, titles, marriage and death records, wills, stocks and bonds, inventory of household goods, cash and credit cards. Keep items in an airtight container for easy transport.
- Post emergency numbers by telephones.

Pre-Evacuation Actions

- Put together materials needed to take to a shelter such as prescription medications, special dietary food, specific medical information, personal aids, eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Fill your car with gas, check car battery and oil.
- Check flashlight and radio batteries.
- Make arrangements for your pets for a minimum of seven (7) days.

Register In Advance

Cape May County residents who may have difficulty during an evacuation because of physical or other limitations or lack of transportation can register in advance online at **New Jersey's Special Needs Registry, registerready.nj.gov or by calling 2-1-1**. Also, registration forms are available at **capemaycountygov.net**, click on Emergency Management then go to Page Navigation & click on Special Needs Registry. Additionally, registration forms are available at the Office of Emergency Management. For more information, please call (609) 463-6570.

Since 1992, Cape May County has been listed by FEMA as the 6th most difficult region in the nation to evacuate in a Category 1 Hurricane.

Cape May County Evacuation Routes

Northbound lanes:
Garden State Parkway, U.S. Highway Route 9, State Highway Route 47, State Highway Route 50

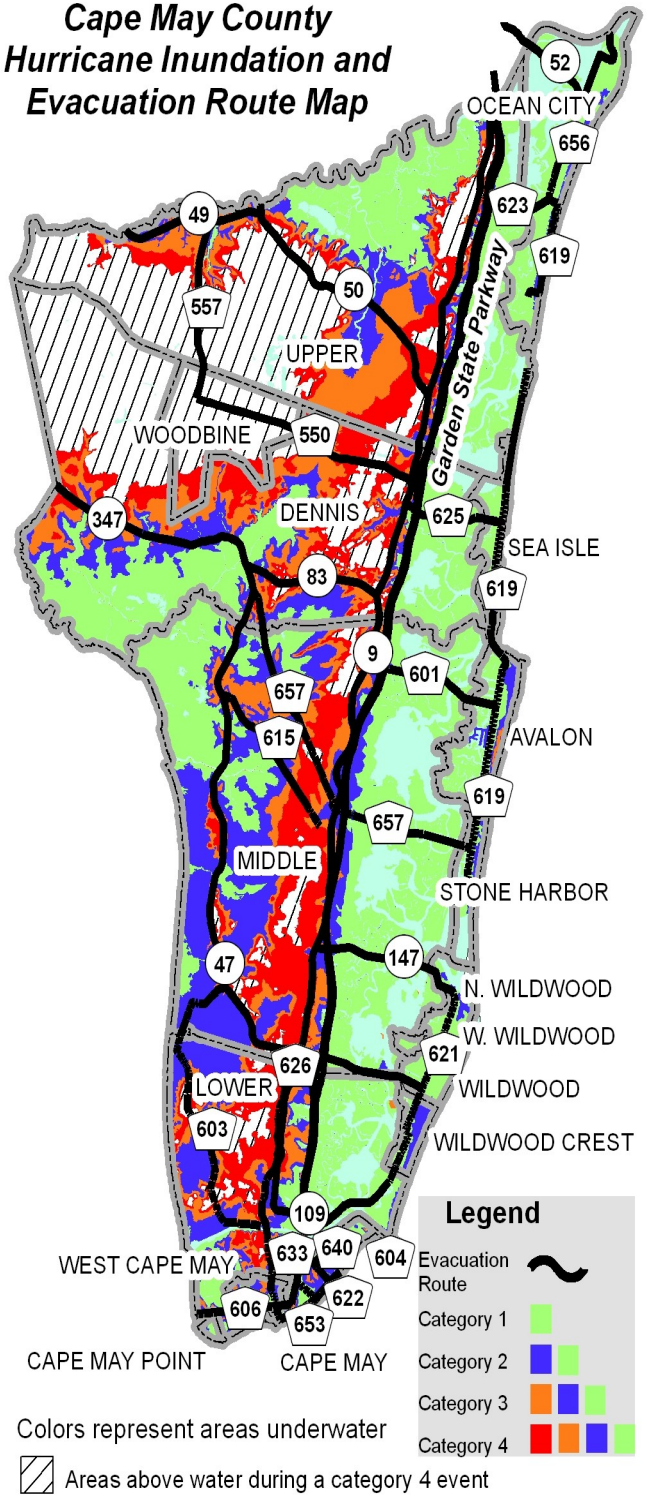
Westbound lanes:
State Highway Route 49, NJ Routes 47/347

During evacuation, the New Jersey State Police and the Department of Transportation will coordinate traffic flow out of Cape May County with assistance from county and municipal agencies.

Sheltering

- There are no Public Shelters in Cape May County for Category 1 or greater hurricanes.
- Should evacuations be either recommended or ordered by the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management, residents and tourism visitors should seek refuge in State of New Jersey sponsored shelters or with family and friends outside of the area of the hurricane impact.
- The Southern Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross is the County's partner in providing sheltering for our residents and visitors.

Important Terms

TROPICAL DEPRESSION: Closed wind circulation around a center with sustained winds from 23 to 38 mph.
TROPICAL STORM: Maximum sustained winds are from 39 to 73 mph. The storm is named once it reaches tropical storm strength.
HURRICANE: Tropical cyclone with winds of 74 mph or more; normally applied to storms in the Atlantic Basin and the Pacific Ocean east of the International Date Line.
WATCH: A hurricane watch means a hurricane is possible in your area, generally within 36 hours.
WARNING: A warning means sustained winds of 74 mph or higher associated with a hurricane are expected in a specified coastal area in 24 hours or less.

Cape May County Hurricane Inundation and Evacuation Route Map