



The Township of Green Brook

HOW TO PREPARE FOR AND STAY SAFE DURING A STORM

In collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management, the Township put together this guide for residents to spread information about being prepared during major weather events. Certainly, no two weather events are the same. Though there is no way to predict exactly how they will affect Green Brook, we hope that this information helps you prepare for the uncertainty and keep you and your family safe.

What to have on hand as the storm approaches

- Oil or battery-powered lantern
- Fire extinguisher
- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Cell phones and chargers
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Whistle
- Cash
- Full tank of gas in your car
- Jumper cables
- Maps
- Roadside emergency kit
- GPS
- Rain gear
- Sturdy shoes
- First aid kit and instructions
- Week-long supply of prescription medicines
- Cooking and eating utensils
- Paper plates, cups and towels
- Water (1 gal per person per day)
- Non-perishable/canned foods
- Manual can opener
- Toilet paper
- Disinfectant
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Plastic garbage bags
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Household bleach
- Feminine supplies
- Soap
- Wet wipes
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers and rash cream
- Pet food and extra water

What to do as the storm approaches

- Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in central locations on every level of your home.
- Protect windows and doors with permanent storm shutters or plywood.
- Store all lawn furniture, trash cans, toys and gardening tools inside.



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What to do as the storm approaches (Cont'd)

- ___ Stay inside and keep local radio or TV stations on for new info.
- ___ Keep mobile phones and other electric equipment charged.
- ___ Download the Red Cross emergency app.
- ___ Make sure all pets have identification tags.
- ___ Find local emergency shelters (IEF Elementary School.) See Note below.
- ___ Fill reusable bottles with drinking water and bathtubs with tap water.
- ___ Unplug all small devices and turn off propane tanks.
- ___ Have a to-go pack ready and learn evacuation routes in your area.
- ___ If in a flood prone area, consider moving vehicles to higher ground.

What to do after the storm arrives

- ___ Let friends and loved ones know you're safe. You can mark yourself safe on Facebook.
- ___ Document any property damage with photographs.
- ___ Contact your insurance company for assistance.
- ___ Check on neighbors.

In addition

- ___ If you evacuated, return only when authorities let you know it's safe to do so.
- ___ Avoid contact with floodwater. It may be contaminated with sewage or contain dangerous insects or animals.
- ___ Never walk or drive on flooded roads or through floodwater.
- ___ Stay away from downed or unstable trees, poles, and power lines.
- ___ Do not drink tap water unless authorities say it is safe for consumption.

If you lose power

- ___ Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. Use coolers with ice if needed.
- ___ Use alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or power-dependent medical devices.
- ___ Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.
- ___ Only use generators outdoors and away from windows.
- ___ Do not use a gas stove to heat your home.
- ___ Generators, camp stoves, or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows.
- ___ Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- ___ If safe, go to an alternate location for heat or cooling.

Note: IEF Elementary School (105 Andrew St) serves as a temporary shelter for residents displaced due to flood waters. The facility is activated only after a Declaration of Emergency is issued and the school building is staffed.