

# MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## KNOW YOUR ZONE!

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# WHAT IS KNOW YOUR ZONE?

Know Your Zone is a public education campaign implemented by the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management to inform the residents, businesses and visitors of Monmouth County of the new hurricane evacuation zones and their vulnerability to storm surge. The Know Your Zone campaign was developed in partnership with the municipal emergency management coordinators within the coastal towns and is based on the threat, strength direction and forecasted storm surge of an impending hurricane, nor'easter or other coastal flooding event. The campaign also reflects the National Hurricane Center's (NHC) decision to separate the association of storm surge inundation from the category of storm.

Evacuation Zones should not be confused with flood zones. Evacuation zones are based on storm surge values using various hypothetical storm models based on worst case scenarios. Zones established based on threat strength direction and storm surge.

**Knowing your zone in advance of a storm  
is critical to your survival.**

## YOU LIVE IN ZONE A

**Evacuation orders will come in one of two forms:**

**Voluntary/recommended:** A voluntary or recommended evacuation order is issued when an approaching storm will generate a storm surge that will impact travel, emergency service access and minor damages in flood prone areas. It is designed to encourage those within the zone to seek shelter in a sturdier structure or higher ground than they have within the designated zone.

**Mandatory:** A mandatory evacuation order is issued when the likelihood of storm surge is high and the loss of life could occur if people do not leave. In addition, a mandatory order is issued when it is believed that First Responders would be unable to access an area should there be a life threatening emergency.

# IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE

Plan to stay with family, friends or at a hotel outside the area. If you are in a non-evacuation zone or not ordered to evacuate, consider sheltering in place. When sheltering in place, you should insure that you have done the following:

- Develop a family emergency plan
- Stay informed; Keep tuned to local media and weather reports

Have a disaster preparedness kit that minimally contains the following items: Water, 1 gallon per person per day; 3 day supply of food; flashlight with extra batteries; first aid kit; whistle to signal for help; moist towelettes; garbage bags and plastic ties for sanitation; manual can opener; prescription medication; cash; fire extinguisher; portable cell phone charging device.

## Public Evacuation Centers:

Monmouth County has designated various locations that are outside of the designated evacuation zones. If a mandatory evacuation order is issued, one or more of these locations will be opened and pertinent information will be disseminated through various media outlets.

Each municipality has designated a Local Reception Center, where residents from their community will be instructed to go. From here, residents will be picked up by bus and brought to the appropriate shelter. Once the storm has passed and the area is deemed to be safe, evacuees will be returned by bus to their municipal reception center.

### ITEMS TO BRING:

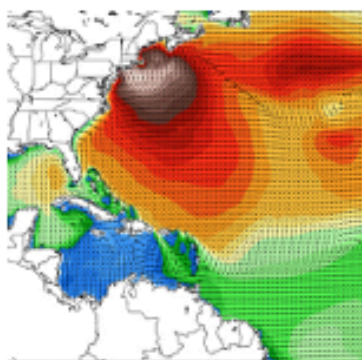
- Medication-enough for 3-5 days
- A blanket and pillow for each person
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Baby food/formula
- Special Dietary items
- Pets: Limited space to shelter pets is available. If you must bring your pet, make sure you have a cage and food along with any medication they may need.

Elevated your home? You have taken an important step in mitigating the potential loss of your personal property. However, if you are told to evacuate, you must do so. Emergency responders will be unable to reach you during an emergency if the area around your home is flooded.

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**Remember, emergency managers are counting on you to be prepared and do the right thing to keep yourself and your family out of dangerous situations. Please know your evacuation zone and have a plan for where you will go should something happen this hurricane season.**



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