

More Information

These websites have advice for disaster preparedness and recovery for the elderly, people with medical issues, pet owners, on how to “shelter-in-place,” and more:
www.ready.gov

www.cdc.gov/features/beready/

www.redcross.org: info and Shop to buy emergency kits and radios

National Weather Service:
www.erh.noaa.gov/er/box/

Emergency Numbers:
Call 911: ONLY for LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES and FIRES

For **fallen trees** blocking roadways or **street flooding**, call DPW at 508-230-0800; or after hours, police dispatch at 508-230-3322

If you see **downed power lines**, call 911. **Do not go near lines.**

Power outage: National Grid at 800-465-1212 or report at: www.nationalgridus.com/masselectric/storm/storm_outage.asp

Gas emergencies: get out of house and call 911 and the Columbia Gas emergency number: 1-800-525-8222

For town-related questions during an emergency, call: 508-230-3322



Be Ready

Something as simple as power loss can mean we need to be self-sufficient for several days. It’s wise to be ready with food, water, flashlights and non-electronic ways to communicate.

While Easton’s Fire, Police, and DPW are on the streets responding during emergency events (or Health agents when public health is involved), they follow protocols in Easton’s state-approved Emergency Plan. Keep this guide handy so you can be prepared too.

Town of Easton

**Emergency Planning Committee
North Easton, MA 02356**

www.easton.ma.us/emergency.html
Facebook: Town of Easton, MA

Emergency Planning



Guide for Easton Residents

**How to be ready for the
next storm and other
emergencies**

Plan and Prepare

Local Alert System

Make a Family Plan

Consider the types of hazards that could affect your family. Most are due to nature—major storms, high winds and flooding—but could include man-made disasters. Plan ahead how your family would react to each scenario.

Other suggestions:

- have an out-of-state friend or relative whom all family members know to call in emergency to make sure all are safe
- determine escape routes from your home and places for family members to meet
- plan what to do with pets if you need to evacuate (not allowed in shelters for hygiene reasons)
- have emergency supply kit stocked and stored
- locate a safe room or area of your home where you can close and seal windows and doors and create a shelter in case of a hurricane or if instructed to “shelter-in-place.”
- have a back-up generator for medically-essential equipment (the Town stocks a limited number of generators to keep essential services going, and can lend them only in emergency situations)

Emergency Supply Kit

Store ahead of time:

- 3-day supply of water (1 gallon per person per day) and nonperishable food (canned meats, tuna, fruits, vegetables; dried fruits, nuts; peanut butter and jelly, bread, crackers, etc.)
- non-electric can opener; utility knife; plastic utensils and paper plates, cups
- flashlights and batteries (avoid using candles)
- battery or crank-powered radio
- first aid kit
- charged cell phone (and car charger or other non-electric means to charge)
- personal hygiene items; prescription and non-prescription drugs, eyeglasses; pet and/or baby food and supplies, if applicable

If you need to evacuate or shelter-in-place, will additionally need:

- blankets, sleeping bags, change of clothing
- passport/birth certificate, insurance policies, medical information; cash; local maps
- full tank of gas
- plastic sheeting/duct tape (or plywood for windows for hurricanes) to seal room; dust masks (for airborne contaminants)

Easton uses Plymouth County Sheriff’s **CodeRed call system** to inform residents and businesses during an emergency. To add a cell phone number, email address, or your landline number, find the link to CodeRED Notification Enrollment at www.pcsdma.org or call 508-830-6324. Don’t assume you’re already listed.

The **Easton School Department** uses an automated telephone system to issue **no-school announcements**, which are also on local news stations (and radio 1030 AM or 680 AM)

- follow news on local media; use an **emergency radio (powered by a crank or batteries)** if you have no power

- should evacuation ever be necessary, public safety personnel will also drive through affected neighborhoods with a public address system, knocking on doors

Find alerts on the Town of Easton website at www.easton.ma.us and sign up for Town Crier email news updates and the town’s Facebook page, Town of Easton, MA.