



Township of Branchburg

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This card is intended to assist you in preparing for an emergency and as a resource tool during an event. **SAVE THIS CARD** where you can find it.

Visit the Township's website for more emergency preparedness information.

SIGN UP NOW FOR GOVDELIVERY!!!

The Township's primary and most effective means of mass communication is our GovDelivery email and text alert system. Visit our website at www.branchburg.nj.us and click on the GovDelivery Email/Text Alert button. Notifications and alerts on many subjects, not just emergencies, can be sent to your email and/or cell phone via text.

Important Contact Information

- Emergency: Dial 911
- Police non-emergency: 908-526-3830
- JCPL: 800-662-3115
- PSEG: 800-436-7734
- NJAW: 800-272-1325
- Comcast: 800-934-7734
- Verizon/FIOS: 800-837-4966
- NJ Board of Public Utilities complaints: 800-624-0241
- FEMA Assistance: 800-621-3362
- Red Cross: 877-272-7337

How to Get Information

In case of a town wide emergency, please contact us. Do not wait for information to come to you. The Township does not have the resources to go "door-to-door" with information.



- GovDelivery. Sign up now!
- Somerset County Alerts. Sign up at www.co.somerset.nj.us to receive info regarding County roads, recycling and other County updates.
- Branchburg Website – check our site leading up to, during and after an event. Information is posted on emergency preparedness and active event information.
- Comcast Ch. 27 or FiOS Ch. 46.
- Talk to your Neighbors.
- Call, email or come to the municipal building or Police Headquarters.

In Case of Emergency/Manage a Storm

Plan ahead and have needed items on hand before the storm arrives.

A typical emergency checklist should include having the following items ready:



- Extra cash on hand (no power = no debit machines or banks).
- Extra blankets and warm clothes.
- Non-perishable food.
- Manual can opener.
- Infant formula and diapers.
- Battery powered radio.
- Plenty of potable water.
- Ample supply of prescription medications.
- First aid kit.
- Battery operated lights.
- Chemical light sticks.
- Fresh batteries with an extra supply.
- Important family documents in water tight bag (home owners insurance info, car insurance, birth certificates, etc.).
- Tools (wrench, pliers, etc).
- Fuel in your vehicles.
- A paper list of important phone numbers.
- Extra pet supplies.
- Have a backup sump pump and a backup battery power supply.
- Gasoline in your vehicles.

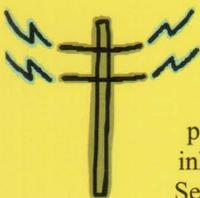
Generator Safety

- Carefully read the manual for operating instructions.
- Never use your generator in an enclosed area such as your garage. The engine gives off carbon monoxide which is lethal to humans. Generators must be outside your home. Secure it with a lock and chain.
- Generators should be located at least 10 feet from your house.
- Do not fill your generator with gasoline while it is running. **ALWAYS TURN THE MOTOR OFF BEFORE FILLING.** The heat/spark from the engine can ignite the gas.
- Store your gasoline in a well-ventilated area and only in approved containers.
- If you "hardwire" your generator into your house, make sure this is done by a licensed electrician. Otherwise you run the risk of starting a house fire.



Downed Poles and Wires

- All wires should be treated as if they were "live" with electricity.
- Report downed poles/wires to your utility.
- Do not approach wires lying in or on the ground or road. Power can arc under the ground and come up many feet from where the wire is located.
- Do not attempt to move or cut trees that have wires entangled in them. The power utility must certify the power is off and have their crews cut the tree.
- If the street is closed off with barricades (i.e. orange cones) **DO NOT** drive around them. Especially if it looks like



the barricades have been moved. The power line may be live and you will place yourself and vehicle inhabitants in danger. Seek an alternate route.

Important Tips/Things to Remember

- Check on your neighbors regularly. Especially the elderly or homebound. If you cannot get to them, call the police.
- If you have the means, equip your house with a generator. Do not forget extension cords.
- If the Municipal Building has power, residents may use it as a warming station and a place to charge cell phones and access free WiFi. Hours will vary depending on the event.
- **DO NOT** use your gas stove for heat. This can give off carbon monoxide which can be deadly.
- **DO NOT** use camp stoves or grills indoors.
- Restaurants and businesses that handle food **MUST** consult with the Health Department before opening after a prolonged power outage.
- For residents with well water, fill up the tub before storm for toilet flushing.
- Use your car to charge your cell phone.
- Keep refrigerator closed to maintain the cold.
- Frozen water bottles in your freezer will act like ice blocks and keep it frozen longer while the power is off. Frozen bottles placed in the refrigerator will help keep your items cold longer. When they thaw out you will have a fresh supply of drinking water.
- Use pool water to flush toilets. Save your potable water.
- If you smell gas, do not use candles. Call the utility company immediately.
- Have books, games or other activities for children.
- Many resources exist online for preparing for a storm or power outage.
- **Plan ahead!**

**Visit the Township Website at
www.branchburg.nj.us
for more links and information.**