

FLOOD RESILIENCY CHECKLIST RESIDENTS



Inclement weather, hurricanes, and flooding can be a scary time. It is best to plan ahead and be prepared. This checklist is a collaborative effort from the City of New Bern Development Services, the New Bern Police Department, and the New Bern Fire Department to ensure that our fellow New Bernians are ready for inclement weather if and when it happens.

ASSESS. PLAN. TAKE ACTION.



GENERAL NEEDS

- Prescription medications & glasses
- Copies of important documents
- Social security information
- Bank account records
- Insurance policies
- Driver's license
- Birth certificate
- Deeds/surveys
- Wills
- Extra set of house & car keys
- Cash and change
- Water (1 gallon per person per day for 3 to 7 days)
- Non-perishable food/ canned goods/snacks (minimum 3-day supply per person)
- Can opener (if utilizing canned goods)
- First aid kit and first aid manual (100 piece set of Band-Aids, Neosporin, etc.)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Cellphone and cellphone charger
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Face coverings / masks
- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing wipes
- Sanitary supplies & Personal hygiene items
- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Liquid detergent
- Garbage bags
- Toothpaste, toothbrush, and brush cover
- Feminine products
- Bedding (if evacuating)
- Sleeping bag (if evacuating)
- Basic hand tools (wrench to turn off water)
- Seasonal change of clothing (including shoes)
- Poncho
- Over the shoulder backpack(s) to carry listed items. Suitcases are not the preferred method of transporting these items.



BABY PRODUCTS

- Bottles (3 pack)
- Formula
- Baby food (2 pack)
- Diapers (19 pack)



PET SUPPLIES

- Pet medicine
- Pet food
- Portable bowls
- Leashes/harnesses
- Pet toys



MISC. NEEDS

- Local maps
- Whistle
- Multi-purpose tool
- Duct tape
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent
- Toys/books/playing cards
- Sand bags
- Rope
- Shovel
- Two-way radios
- Signal flare
- Fire- & water-proof safe for important documents

PERSONAL CHECKLIST

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PRIOR TO AN EVENT

1. Ensure that you are signed up for all possible local emergency alert systems notifications.
2. Gather important documents into a single location for safekeeping and quick access. This should include things like financial information, utility info, insurance documents, real estate deeds, contact information for everyone in the household, etc. All children should have their necessary personal information to include parent and other contact details written and carried on their person. Writing the child's name with indelible ink on the child's shoes along with the parent's cellphone number is also helpful in case of separation.
3. Create a household emergency response kit using the items noted above.
4. Ensure all devices are charged as power may be lost.
5. Move car to higher ground but reachable by foot in case of evacuation.
6. During an emergency, the use of a purse may not be the best option to carry/transport valuables, cash and credit cards. Consider always carrying these items on your person to avoid loss and possible theft.
7. Take pictures of your home/belongings in case they get damaged or lost. Scan and store important documents.
8. Leading up to the event, listen to your local city, county & state leaders. Please evacuate if you're told to do so.
9. If asked to evacuate, consider staying with a friend or family member (instead of heading to a shelter) who can serve as a support system in the aftermath of a disaster event. Please note that not all shelters are pet friendly so ensure you double check before heading to the shelter.

DURING AN EVENT

1. As conditions deteriorate, head to a room inside your home that has few windows. Lock and seal windows, doors and vents as best you can to ride out the storm. Measure in advance and use plastic sheeting (cut wider and longer than the window/door/vent) and duct tape to seal and cover these openings. Tape each corner first, then tape along the edges. Close fireplace dampers.
2. Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
3. You should watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet often for official news and instructions as they become available.

AFTER AN EVENT

1. Ensure that everyone in the household is safe. Use the first aid kit to treat any injuries or pain as best as possible. For major injuries, check online resources to see if there are any issues with going to the hospital or a shelter for treatment.
2. Check emergency alert systems and local forecasts for updates on the weather to see if there reasons to remain bunkered. These sources may also alert you to air contamination and whether going outside is not safe. Heed the advice of local officials to ensure you are not putting you and your family at risk. If able to safely, exit the home. If there is standing water, do not go into standing water.
3. Check on neighbors to make sure that your community is okay and that no one needs help.
4. Opening the door of the sheltered area, carefully walk through your home taking inventory and photos of any damage. Check on vehicles and any other interior or exterior features that were subject to the storm.
5. If repairs are needed to your home, caution should be taken in hiring a non-solicited and unknown contractor.
6. Be cautious of outside hazards like downed power lines, standing water (especially near downed power lines), broken gas lines/damaged LP tanks, as well as damaged trees, limbs, and buildings.
7. Standing water may contain snakes, fire ants, etc. Do not drive or walk through standing water.

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IMPORTANT LINKS

- www.newbernnc.gov
City of New Bern
- www.cravencountync.gov
Craven County
- www.readync.gov
NC Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) - hurricane guide, evacuation routes, road conditions, disaster assistance
- <https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/emergency-preparedness/know-your-zone>
NCDPS Know Your Zone - Predetermined, established evacuation zones for coastal counties
- <https://www.fema.gov/>
FEMA – Apply for disaster recovery assistance, check on application status
- www.sba.gov
Small Business Administration – Home and business disaster assistance and resources
- www.newbernnc.gov/resiliency
City of New Bern Hazard Mitigation & Resiliency Plan, the Community Rating System, resiliency projects, funding, planning resources and floodplain development
- www.redcross.org
American Red Cross – disaster preparedness, flooding threats, safety tips
- [Food and Water Safety During Power Outages and Floods | FDA](#)
Food and water safety during power outages and floods
- [Recovering from Disaster | Ready.gov](#)
Tips from Ready.gov about how to recover from a disaster