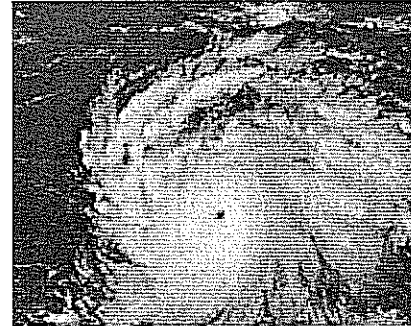


Are you ready?

Would you be ready if there was a public health emergency or a natural disaster? If you had to stay where you are or evacuate your home, are you prepared?

The recent weather-related events that have plagued the east coast this year have many Americans concerned about their safety. So far this summer, many residents and visitors in our area have been affected by tornadoes, earthquakes and now hurricanes. As the hurricane season rolls on, now is a great time to learn how to become better prepared for potential emergencies that could happen in your community and the how to respond to them.



The first step in preparedness is to create an "Emergency Supply Kit." This is a stockpile supply of items, consisting of at least a three-day supply of bottled water, non-perishable foods and essential medications set aside for each member of your family and your pets. Next, make a "Family Emergency Plan," that includes emergency contact numbers, what do to if you need to stay or leave your home, and a meeting place for emergency situations. The last step in preparedness is staying informed.

To learn how you can be more prepared, visit Ready America at www.ready.gov. You can also follow the links below to find out more information on preparing for natural disasters, severe weather or other types of emergencies that we could experience in Sussex County.

HURRICANE

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm>

FLOODING

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtm>

TORNADOES

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/tornado/index.shtm>

EARTHQUAKES

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/earthquake/index.shtm>

OTHER TYPES OF EMERGENCIES

FEMA

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/types.shtm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/>