

# ROCHELLE PARK OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## WEEK 1 - FLOOD-HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). The 2016 NPM theme is “Don’t Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.”

We are encouraging everyone to take part, make a plan and know what to do during an emergency. This means having an up-to-date contact list for those you may need to reach during a disaster and establishing alternate methods of communication in case traditional means are not available.

Each week beginning August 28, the Rochelle Park Office OF Emergency Management will provide residents with helpful tips on Disaster Awareness and Preparedness.

- **Week 1 – August 28 - Flood – Hurricane Preparedness**
- Week 2 – September 4 - Preparing Family & Friends
- Week 3 – September 11 – Preparing Through Service
- Week 4 –September 18 – Individual Preparedness
- Week 5 – September 28 – Build an Emergency Kit

**Week 1-** In a flood, a little water can do a lot of damage. Did you know that just 6 inches of flood water can cause thousands of dollars of damage? 1 foot is enough to make a car float and 2 feet of rushing water is enough to carry away a full size pickup truck. Get prepared now for floods [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods)

Driving safely during and after a flood is important. Be aware of areas where waters have receded. Roads may have weakened & could collapse under the weight of a car. “Turn Around – Don’t Drown”

A Flood Watch means that floods are possible. A Flood Warning indicates a flood will occur soon, and you should move to higher ground. Take action if you receive an alert!

Get your yard or property ready for hurricane season by bringing in all outdoor furniture & securing anything else that isn’t tied down. For more tips and information to protect your property before, during and after a hurricane visit: <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>. #NatlPrep #HurricanePrep

If officials tell you to evacuate your home before a storm, don't leave your pets behind! Make a plan: <http://go.usa.gov/3AJCF> #NatlPrep

To learn more, visit [www.ready.gov/floods](http://www.ready.gov/floods)

**For additional information please call the Office of Emergency Management at 201-587-7734**