

ROCHELLE PARK OFFICE OF EMERGENCYMANAGEMENT

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



Week 3 - Flood Awareness & National Flood Insurance Program

The 2017 National Preparedness Month theme is **“Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.”**

Flood Preparedness

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

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”**

- Listen to a battery operated radio or television for the latest storm information.
- Secure outdoor objects such as lawn furniture that can blow away and cause damage or injury.
- Keep your vehicle’s gas tank filled.
- Prepare a flood evacuation kit to include:
 - First aid kit
 - Bottled water
 - Two (2) weeks supply of medicine
 - Blankets or sleeping bags
 - Extra clothing
 - Pet ID, carrier, food & medication
 - Personal items (toys & snacks)
 - Important documents (valid ID, Insurance information & money)
- If ordered to evacuate – obey immediately. Turn off gas, water, and electricity and unplug small appliances.
- Know what to do when roads are flooded: **“Turn Around Don't Drown®! It may save your life!”**
- You may have to evacuate quickly due to rising flood waters. Hurricane & Flood Shelter Reception Area is located at Midland School, 300 Rochelle Avenue and staffed by trained CERT Team Members.
- If you’re already on “high ground” during a flood, stay where you are. Be prepared by having your supplies already stored.
- Inform family or friends outside of the warning area of your evacuation plans.
- Remember to help neighbors who may require special assistance (infants, senior citizens, and people with disabilities)

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. Rochelle Park OEM will send notice of pending flooding through the Reverse 9-1-1 system.

If you are notified to evacuate your home before a storm, don't leave your pets behind! Make a plan: The CERT Midland School Shelter/Reception Center will accept pets.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase flood insurance on eligible buildings and contents whether they are in or out of a floodplain. Rochelle Park participates in the NFIP, making federally backed flood insurance available for property owners.

For additional information please call the Office of Emergency Management at 201-587-7734 or go online at www.ready.gov

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