



## HURRICANE ACTION CHECKLIST FOR SOUTH KINGSTOWN

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Listed below are many things you should consider before, during and after a hurricane.

### **Stay or Leave ?**

When a hurricane threatens your area, you will have to make the decision whether you should evacuate or whether you can safely 'ride out the storm' in your home. If local authorities recommend evacuation, you should leave!! Their advice is based on knowledge of the strength of the storm and its potential to cause death and destruction.

### **In General:**

- If you live along the coastline or offshore islands, plan to leave
- If you live in a mobile home, plan to leave
- If you live near a river or in a flood plain, plan to leave
- If you live on high ground, away from coastal beaches, consider staying

In any case the ultimate decision to stay or leave will be yours. Study the following list and carefully consider the factors involved - especially the items pertaining to storm surge.

### **When a 'Hurricane Watch' is Issued for your Area:**

- Check often for official bulletins on radio, TV, on-line or NOAA Weather Radio (Call Sign WXJ39, Frequency 162.4)
- Fuel automobile
- Check mobile home tie-downs
- Moor small craft or move to safe shelter
- Stock up on canned provisions
- Check supplies of medicines and drugs
- Check supply of batteries for radio and flashlights
- Secure outdoor furniture and other loose items
- Tape, board or shutter windows to prevent shattering
- Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent their lifting from tracks

### **When a 'Hurricane Warning' is Issued for your Area:**

- Stay tuned to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins

- If you live in a structurally sound dwelling located on high ground and choose to stay:
  - Board up garage and porch doors
  - Move valuables to upper floors
  - Bring pets inside
  - Fill containers (and bathtub) with several days' supply of water - 1 gallon of drinking water per person per day
  - Use land line phones only for emergencies
  - Stay indoors on downwind side of dwelling away from windows
  - Remain indoors during calm period when hurricane eye passes over
- Leave mobile homes
- Leave areas that might be affected by storm tide or stream flooding
  - Leave early, during daylight if possible
  - Shut off gas, water and electricity at main stations
  - Take small valuable and important papers but travel lightly
  - Leave food and water for pets (shelters will not take them)
  - Lock up dwelling
  - Drive carefully to nearest designated shelter using recommended evacuation routes
  - Small craft and mobile homes may be moved on highways up to ten hours before expected storm

**After the 'All Clear' is Given:**

- Drive carefully; watch for dangling electrical wires, undermined roads and flooded low areas
- Don't sightsee
- Report broken or damaged water, sewer, gas and electrical lines
- Use caution when re-entering your dwelling:
  - Check for gas leaks
  - Check food for spoilage and water for contamination

**Town of South Kingstown Emergency Shelters**

South Kingstown High School, 215 Columbia St.  
 Broad Rock Middle School, 351 Broad Rock Rd.  
 Curtis Corner Middle School, 307 Curtis Corner Rd.  
 Tootel-Keaney Gym Complex, URI, Kingston Campus (regional shelter)

**Important Phone Numbers**

Emergencies	911	Police Dept.	783-3321 (routine calls)
Fire Dept.	783-2422	Police Dept.	783-3341 (emergencies)
School Dept.	792-9692	Town Hall	789-9331
RIEMA	946-9996	URI	874-1000
Red Cross	1-800-842-1122		