



Emergency Preparedness

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Emergency Management

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- History of Disasters in Sussex County
- Emergency services in Sussex County
- Flooding
- Family Emergency Planning
- Know Your Zone
- Delaware Emergency Notification System (DENS)
- Smart 911
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History of Disasters in Sussex County



- Covid-19
- Sandy
- Irene
- Isabelle
- 2010 winter storms
- 1998 Nor'easter
- 1993 Ice Storm
- 1962 Nor'easter

Flooding in Sussex County



- Thunderstorms
- Heavy rains
- Ground saturation
- Tropical systems
- Nor'easter
- High tides

Emergency Services in Sussex County

- Police
 - Delaware State Police
 - Local Police Departments
- Volunteer Fire Companies
- EMS
 - Advanced Life Support
 - Basic Life Support
- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Management
- Mutual Aid
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
- Federal Resources



Disasters without Warning

- Severe Thunderstorms
- Flash Flooding
- Tornado
- Civil Unrest
- Chemical Release
- Earthquakes



Disasters with Advanced Warning

- Nor'easters
- Hurricanes and Tropical Systems
- Winter Storms



Family Emergency Planning

- Get a kit, Make a Plan, Stay Informed, Get Engaged

GET PREPARED NOW

When unexpected emergencies strike, know what to do, what you need and how to stay updated!

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REMEMBER: Revisit your plan and update your kit every year!

MAKE A PLAN

The future can be unpredictable, but your emergency plan shouldn't be. Know what to do when you need it most by planning now for how to respond in an emergency.

REMEMBER

- Who needs to know the plan?
- Do you have a safe place to store your plan?
- What are your meeting places?

STAY INFORMED

Stay connected to know what is coming, how to act, where to go or what to do next. Sign up for alerts and keep essential numbers at the ready.

REMEMBER

- Have you signed up for text alerts?
- Do you have important contacts saved?
- Have you updated your contact numbers?

BUILD A KIT


Easily access necessities during an emergency. Building an emergency kit is easy and affordable — with many of the items you already have at home.

REMEMBER

- Do you have specific supplies for the season?
- Is your non-perishable food and water stocked?
- Do you have working batteries?

Make a Plan

- Family Plan Template
([redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org))
- Who is responsible for what action?
- Neighborhood meeting location
- Evacuation Location
- Out of town contact
- Where your kids will evacuate to when dismissed from school or daycare

 American Red Cross

Family Disaster Plan

Family Last Name(s) or Household Address: _____ Date: _____

Family Member/Household Contact Info (If needed, additional space is provided in #10 below):

Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Pet(s) Info:

Name	Type	Color	Registration #
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Plan of Action

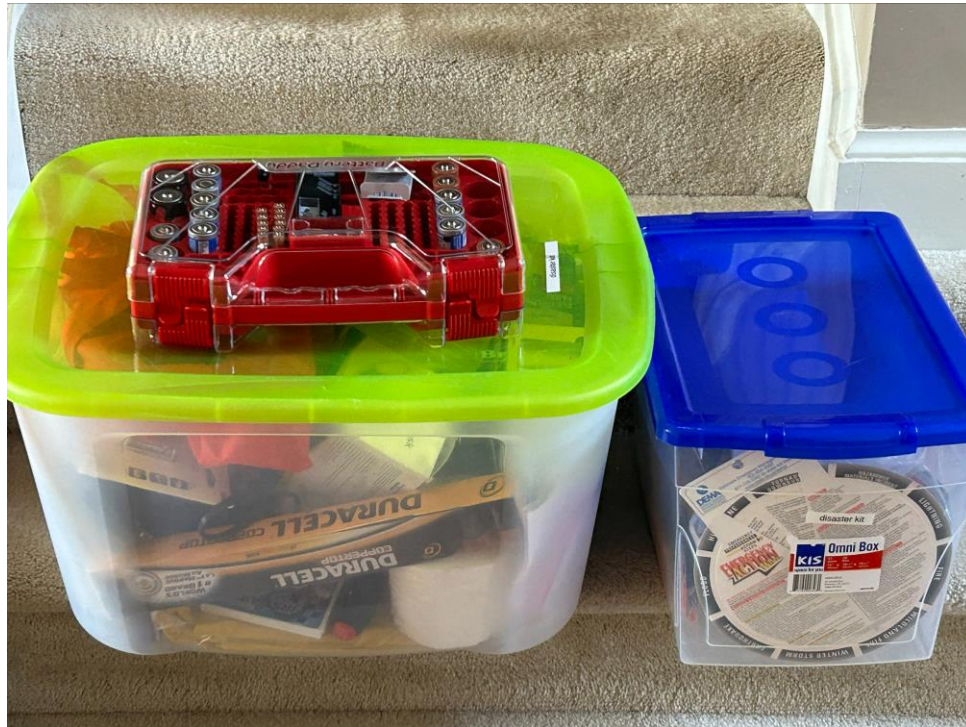
1. The disasters most likely to affect our household are:

2. What are the escape routes from our home?

3. If separated during an emergency, what is our meeting place near our home?

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Make a Kit



Water – one gallon per person per day

Food – non-perishable, three-day supply, and can opener if kit contains canned food

First aid kit and medications (list of first aid kit items towards bottom of page)

Personal hygiene items – toilet paper, feminine supplies, hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, and soap

COVID-19 personal protective items – masks, disinfecting wipes, travel-sized soap for washing hands, hand sanitizer

Flashlight

Battery-powered or hand crank radio

Extra batteries for radio, flashlight, etc. – periodically check the expiration dates of your batteries and replace as necessary

Heavy work gloves

Whistle to signal for help

Cash – ATM and credit card machines may be out of service in event of power outages

Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels, and plastic utensils

Cell phone power bank or car charger

Copy of important documents in waterproof portable container or sealed Ziploc bags

Recent photos of your children in waterproof portable container or sealed Ziploc bags

Special-needs items for children – medications, toys, infant formula, and diapers

Special-needs items for seniors or people with disabilities – medications, glasses, hearing aids and batteries, dentures and cleaner, and personal care items

Complete change of clothing for each person – weather and season appropriate, such as a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, underwear, socks, sturdy shoes, and rain gear

Blankets or sleeping bags

Pen, pencil, and paper in waterproof bag

Plastic sheeting and duct tape

Garbage bags and plastic ties

Fire extinguisher

Matches in a waterproof container

Stay Informed

- Smart Phone
- Social Media
- Weather radio
- AM/FM radios
- Television/Internet



Get Engaged

- CERT Training
- RespondDE
- The American Red Cross
- Learn CPR and First Aid



Additional Preparedness Tips

- Check on your neighbors
- Insurance and documents Review
- Consider the purchase of flood Insurance
- Always carry cash and have cash in your disaster kit
- Swap out disaster kits items when you check clocks and replace smoke detector batteries
- Make changes to plans and kits when family has additions
- Plan for pets



Hurricane Evacuations

- Evacuation
 - Run from water
 - Hide from wind
- Who makes the call for Evacuation?
 - The Governor in consultation with Elected Officials and Public Safety
- Coordination Del DOT, MD, VA, Delmarva Emergency Task Force (DETF)



Know Your Zone

Locate your zone – Choose from two ways

Find your zone by using the Lookup Tool or clicking on the Interactive Evacuation Zone Map. Be sure to write your zone down, share it with family and friends and include it in your evacuation plan.

1. Use the Evacuation Zone Lookup Tool

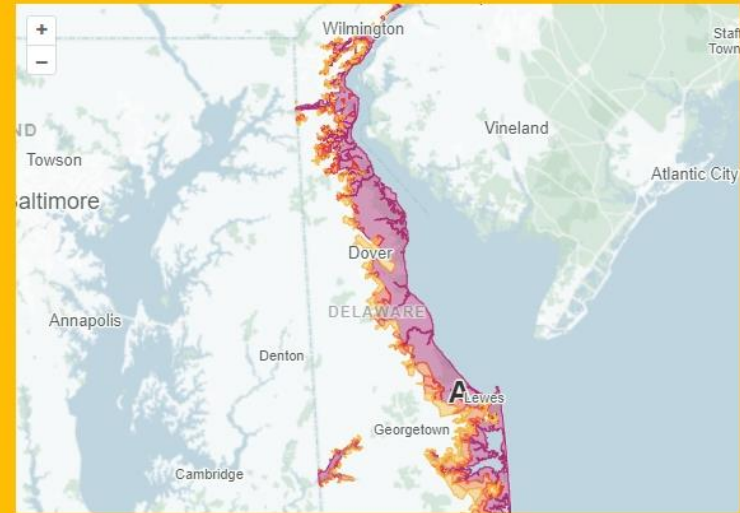
Enter your address into the field below to find your zone and evacuation status.

EX: 123 Church St., Anytown, DE, 19946

Search

2. Use the Interactive Evacuation Zone Map

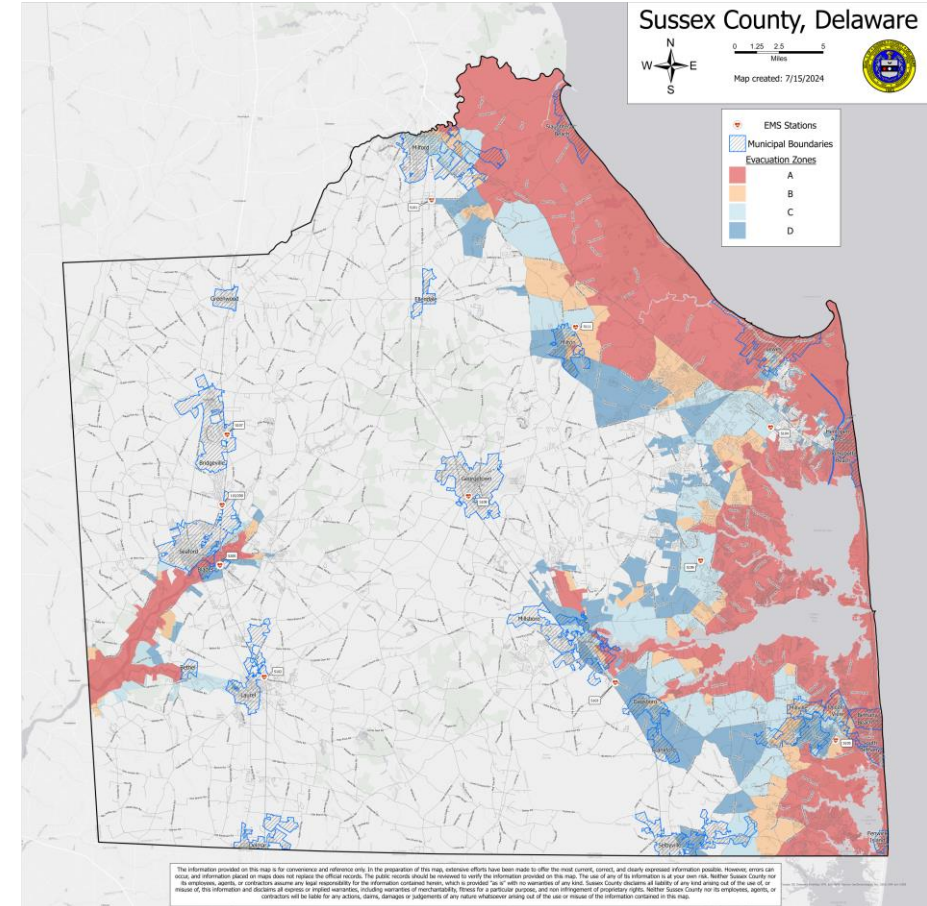
Click on the interactive map or the Find My Zone button* below and follow the prompts to find your zone.



Find My Zone

Know Your Zone

- Zones
 - Zone A
 - Zone B,
 - Zone C,
 - Zone D
- The areas are based on risk factors
 - Elevations
 - Historical flooring
 - Hurricane category and surge models
- Evacuation Ordered
- Shelters Opened



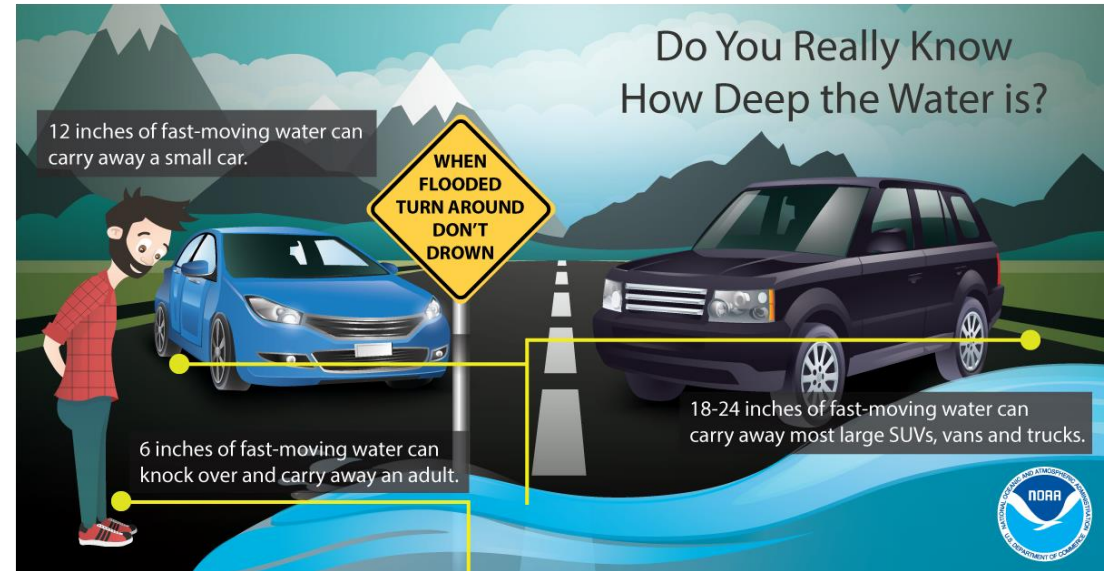
More Evacuation Tips

- Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.
- Identify several places you could go in an emergency such as a friend's home in another town or a hotel.
- Come up with a family/household plan to stay in touch in case you become separated.
- Assemble supplies that are ready for evacuation. Prepare a “go-bag”.
- If you have a car:
 - Keep a full tank of gas if an evacuation seems likely.
 - Make sure you have a portable emergency kit in the car.
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if needed.



Flooding Tips

- Assess your home's risk
- Do you live in a Low-lying area?
- Steps to mitigate risk
- Turn around don't drown
- Most disaster fatalities are are result of flooding
- Flood Insurance



What to bring to a shelter?

- Medicines
 - Include vitamins and over the counter medicine
- Any durable medical equipment
 - Walkers, wheelchairs, CPAP Machine
- Clothing
- Items to keep kids occupied
 - Cards, games, puzzles, ect.
- Specialized food
- Pets and their cage
 - Pet food and toys



Delaware Emergency Notification System or DENS

- Emergency telephone notifications to the public.
- Registering your phone enables DENS to geocode your phone number to your home (or work) address.
- Automatic telephone notifications are sent and if an emergency message has a text or e-mail included, registering your phone information will allow you to receive the text or e-mail message.



Sign up to receive alerts

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Emergency alerts and notifications via
Phone call, text message, email and social media



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Smart911 Speaks For You

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MOBILE SAFETY

Smart911 Profile

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Provide Additional Information

Photos of you and family

Emergency shut-offs

Medical conditions

Emergency Contacts

Addresses

Medications

Pet information

Disabilities

Bedroom locations



Mary



Carlos



Nick



Anna



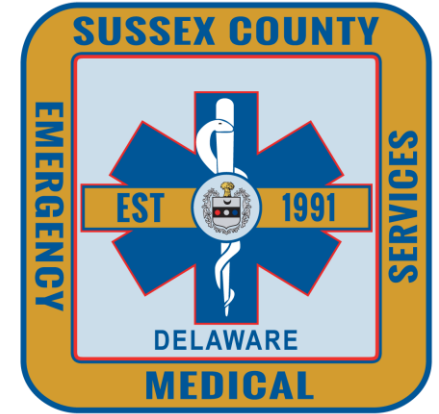
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PulsePoint

- Nearly 1,000 people die every day in the U.S. from Sudden Cardiac Arrest.
- The PulsePoint app empowers everyday citizens to provide life-saving assistance



Programs by Sussex County EMS



Hands only CPR



Stop the Bleed



References and Resources

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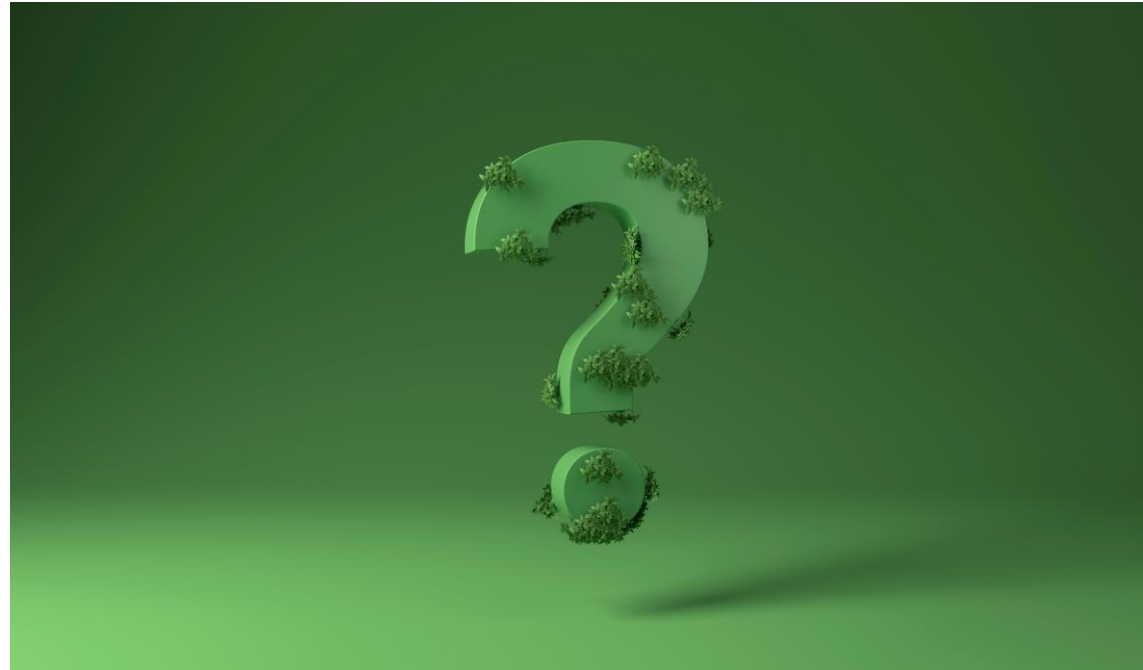
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