

TOWN OF HARRINGTON BAY HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

Prince Edward Island faces hurricanes, winter storms, storm surge flooding, and extended power outages. In a widespread emergency, first responders may be delayed.

Every household should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least seventy-two hours.

This guide explains how to build a kit, make a plan, and stay informed.

BUILD A 72-HOUR KIT

Keep these supplies in a waterproof bin you can carry: four litres of water per person per day, non-perishable food for three days, a manual can opener, a wind-up or battery-powered radio, a flashlight with spare batteries, a first aid kit, essential medications, copies of identification and insurance papers in a sealed bag, cash in small bills, phone chargers, and a spare set of car keys. Include supplies for infants, seniors, and pets, including pet food and a leash.

MAKE A FAMILY PLAN

Agree on two meeting places: one just outside your home and one outside your neighbourhood in case you cannot return. Choose an out-of-province contact everyone can call or text, since local lines are often busy. Teach every family member how to shut off the water, electricity, and heating fuel. Know two ways out of your neighbourhood in case a road is blocked by a downed tree or flooding.

KNOW YOUR RISKS

Homes in the Miller Creek floodplain and along the harbour are subject to storm surge. During a hurricane warning, move vehicles and valuables to higher ground and never drive through moving water. If you rely on a private well, store extra water, because pumps fail without power.

STAY INFORMED

Subscribe to the town text alert service by texting HBALERT to 77295 for road closures and water advisories. Monitor Environment Canada weather warnings and the provincial emergency broadcasts. During a prolonged outage, the community hall at 15 Founders Green opens as a warming and charging centre with generator power.

AFTER THE STORM

Stay clear of downed power lines and report them immediately. Check on elderly neighbours. Discard refrigerated food that has been above four degrees for more than two hours. Do not run a generator indoors or in an attached garage, because carbon monoxide is deadly and odourless.