



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA POLICE

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We hope you're staying cool this summer.

We are in the heart of Atlantic Hurricane season, which ends on Nov. 30. We've seen hurricane activity become more common in recent years. A hurricane can bring damaging high winds, heavy rain, and inland flooding.

Summer is a good time to assess how ready you are to deal with a weather emergency, and what steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones.

- Learn more about national emergency alert systems. Sign up for local notification systems such as Smart911, which the town uses important local information.
- Create an emergency plan. Consider shelter-in-place options, evacuation routes, and meeting locations. Remember dietary needs, medical needs including prescriptions and equipment, disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment, and cultural and religious considerations.
- Before a major storm, secure all items around your house. Check trees and branches for weaknesses that can cause considerable damage if they fall.
- Build an emergency kit. Consider items including water, non-perishable food, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight and extra



batteries, first aid kit, N95 masks, and a spare cell phone with charger and batteries. Be sure to address the needs of individual family members, including infant formula, bottles, diapers, and wipes, or important prescription and non-prescription medications.

Click here to view a complete [Emergency Kit checklist](#).

As always, **call 911 in an emergency**. We're here to help.



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