

IS YOUR BUILDING?



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HOBOKEN READY



Community Emergency
Response Team

For building owners, managers, boards and landlords to help prepare buildings for emergencies.

1 Be Informed

- Install a message board to communicate with tenants and emergency services
- Post evacuation zone, evacuation route and the nearest emergency shelter
- Post services available during extended utility outage and contact information of building manager
- Communicate with the disabled and the elderly before and after the storm

2 Make a Plan

- Learn how to shut off water, natural gas and electricity
- Test sump pump and backup pump
- Clean out sewage backflow preventer
- Test backup generator and emergency lighting
- Develop a fuel storage plan for generators
- Have a plan for renting pumps or generators
- Develop a plan for shutting down mechanical equipment
- Secure objects that can become airborne
- Remove toxic materials stored in flood-prone areas

3 Take Action

- Install a permanent backup generator
- Install a sewage backflow preventer/check valve
- Install a sump pump with battery operated backup power and water alarm
- Purchase a back-up portable pump
- Install removable flood gates or temporary barriers
- Install a float switch in elevator shaft to prevent cab from descending into floodwaters
- Purchase and understand how to deploy sandbags
- Install photo-luminescent emergency exit signage
- Install low-cost LED emergency lighting for corridors and stairways
- Install better insulated walls, windows and roofs
- Install windows to daylight corridors and stairwells
- Install impact-rated window systems
- Install gravity-fed water fixtures on lower floors that have common access
- Elevate essential mechanical equipment, external vents and electrical components above flood elevation
- Install a quick connect switchboard for connection to portable generators
- Install water-resistant material to interior space below flood elevation
- Install a green roof, blue roof or rain barrel
- Install permeable surfaces around building

4 Avoid Hazards

- DO NOT store gasoline indoors
- DO NOT use generator indoors
- DO NOT walk or drive through flooded areas
- DO NOT use candles or stove for light or heat
- DO NOT open refrigerator or freezer doors unnecessarily; food will spoil faster

For more information go to: hobokennj.org/ready

Tenants should not implement any of the recommended actions without first consulting with their building owner. The information and suggestions listed here are not all inclusive, nor is there a guarantee that any particular action will be successful under all circumstances. Please consult with the Construction Official and Zoning Officer prior to performing any renovations or alterations to a new or existing building. Construction must be undertaken in conformance with local Zoning and Construction Codes adopted by the City of Hoboken. The recommendations of this notice are sourced from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as well as state, regional and federal agencies.