

After the Storm/Event...

Personal Protection

- ◆ Be sure to wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes when cleaning up storm-damaged areas.
- ◆ Discard any items that come in contact with floodwater (food, medicines, cosmetics, or bottled water).

Carbon Monoxide

- ◆ Do not burn charcoal or gas grills inside a house, garage, vehicle, tent or fireplace, or use gas-powered generators or pressure washers in enclosed spaces.

Electrical Hazards

- ◆ Never touch a fallen power line, call 911/the utility company and report.
- ◆ Do not drive through standing water, especially if downed power lines are in the water.
- ◆ If a power line falls across your car while driving, stay inside the vehicle and keep driving away from the line. If the engine stalls, do not turn off the ignition, warn people not to touch your vehicle and call 911/the utility company for help.

Driving Hazards

- ◆ Avoid driving through water, especially when it is fast-moving.

Around your Home

- ◆ Flooding can cause mold to grow inside your home which can cause allergic reactions, asthma episodes, infections and other respiratory problems. Call a private contractor for an inspection/assistance.

Disinfect Private Water Wells

- ◆ Inspect, disinfect and sample private wells that have been flooded.

Additional Resources...

Truro Police/Fire Department and Rescue

Truro Public Safety Facility
344 Route 6, Truro, MA 02666
Non-Emergency Phone: (508) 487-8730

In Emergency Call: 911

Flood Insurance

For additional information, call:
1-800-427-4661 or visit:

<http://www.floodsmart.gov>



Plan, Prepare and Mitigate

For additional information, visit:
<http://www.fema.gov/plan-prepare-mitigate>



Response and Recovery

For additional information, visit:
<http://www.fema.gov/response-recovery>

MEMA Ping4 Alert System:

Ping4 is a new mobile communications app for alerting the public in emergencies and disasters, available for free download for iPhone and Android devices. For questions and a demo, please visit:
<http://www.ma.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/ping4/get-emergency-information-on-your-smartphone.html>. To download the app, please visit: www.ping4.com.

National Weather Service (NWS):

The NWS provides alert and warning information to the public through official dissemination sources including NOAA Weather Radio, NWS Weather Wire Service, and Weather.gov. To obtain a listing of available third party sources for delivery of email and textweather alerts, please visit: <http://www.weather.gov/subscribe>



Town of Truro, Massachusetts

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Protecting Your Home and Family Residents Fact Sheet

Truro's close relationship to the sea has serious implications for hazard mitigation.

Flooding and erosion are the most frequent and highest risks.

Development along the shoreline is especially vulnerable to damage from water and high tides. A number of low-lying areas surrounding small inlets and estuaries may also be vulnerable during extreme weather events such as hurricanes and nor'easters.

Although Truro has not suffered any major wild fires, tornadoes or earthquakes, these are not out of the realm of possibility.

This Fact Sheet implements **Mitigation Action Items** identified in the *Town of Truro Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan* adopted October 18, 2011, and is intended as a means to educate and empower Truro residents to take simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential natural hazard events.

Emergency Supply Kit

All residents should have some basic supplies on hand in order to be self-sufficient for at least three days if an emergency occurs.

- ☒ **Water:** At least one gallon per person per day. Don't forget extra for pets!
- ☒ **First Aid Kit:** Assemble a basic kit and supplies.
- ☒ **Flashlight and Radio:** Battery-powered or hand crank radio.
- ☒ **Food:** Select non-perishable foods that don't require refrigeration or preparation, including high-energy foods, comfort/stress foods, and food for infants and pets.
- ☒ **Medications:** Include prescription and non-prescription pain relievers, stomach remedies, etc.)
- ☒ **Personal Hygiene Products:** Tooth brush/paste, soap, contact lens supplies.

Family Emergency Plan. Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance. Visit http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/FamEmePlan_2012.pdf to download the form and fill it in.

Ready
Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

Before the Storm/Event...

Protecting your property from flooding...



- ♦ Build with flood-damage resistant materials.
- ♦ Elevate electrical system components/other utilities.
- ♦ Anchor fuel tanks.

Protecting your property from high winds...



- ♦ Protect windows, sliding glass doors, skylights, and French doors with covers and/or storm shutters. You can buy manufactured shutters made of wood, steel, or aluminum. You can also make storm shutters with 5/8 inch thick exterior-grade plywood.
- ♦ Reinforce garage doors by adding girts (supports) across the back of the door and strengthening the glider wheel tracks.
- ♦ Remove trees that could fall on your home.
- ♦ Anchor/Remove potential windborne objects such as trash cans, yard furniture, barbecue grills, playhouses and tools. Anchor storage sheds to a permanent foundation using straps and ground anchors (used for manufactured homes).
- ♦ Secure loose metal siding.
- ♦ Secure loose metal roofs, built-up/single-ply and composition shingle roofs.
- ♦ Brace gable end roof framing with hurricane straps.

Protecting your property from fire...



- ♦ Keep clear the area around your property from shrubs, brush, woodpiles, and combustible debris located within a radius of 30 feet.
- ♦ Replace roofing materials with fire-resistant materials.

Protecting your property from earthquakes or tornadoes...



- ♦ Anchor large equipment properly (brace propane tanks and gas cylinders).
- ♦ Anchor tall bookcases and filing cabinets.
- ♦ Bolt sill plates to foundation.
- ♦ Brace cripple walls.
- ♦ Install latches on drawers and cabinet doors.
- ♦ Mount framed pictures and mirrors securely to walls.
- ♦ Secure desktop computers and appliances.
- ♦ Use flexible connections on gas and water lines.

Protecting your property from storm surge/erosion...



- ♦ Elevate structures to above Base Flood Elevation.
- ♦ Retrofit (dry/wet floodproof) buildings.