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## Keeping An “eye” On Hurricane Preparedness – Ways To Stay Informed

**WEST TRENTON, N.J.** – During National Hurricane Preparedness Week, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is reminding New Jersey residents about ways to get information about hurricanes and types of other emergencies. Hurricane season starts June 1st and lasts through November 30th. Below are some tips and resources for staying in-the-know:

**On the Web – Use credible websites** to get information about natural hazards and emergency preparedness. The NJOEM works closely with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center regarding storm predictions and forecasts.

- National Weather Service - <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/phi/>
- National Hurricane Center - <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- New Jersey Office of Emergency Management - [www.ready.nj.gov](http://www.ready.nj.gov)
- Office of the NJ State Climatologist, Rutgers - <http://climate.rutgers.edu/stateclim/>
- American Red Cross - <http://www.redcross.org/>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency – [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

**Social Media** – Social media and other advanced communications technologies are used by frequently by emergency managers statewide. **Find out** if your community has a "reverse 9-1-1" system or if you can opt-in for email updates from municipal officials. "Like" the NJOEM on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.

- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Jersey-Office-of-Emergency-Management/165525506798189>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/NJSP>

**NJ Alert** - NJ Alert is a free, voluntary and confidential emergency alerting system that allows NJ Office of Emergency Management officials to send E-mail or text messages to cell phones and other email enabled devices during an emergency event. **Sign up** for NJ Alert by logging on to: [www.njalert.gov](http://www.njalert.gov).

**NOAA Weather Radio** - is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service Office. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. NOAA Weather Radios are typically inexpensive, easily available in stores and can often be programmed for your specific area.

**Traditional Media** – Continue to **monitor** traditional media sources – TV, newspapers and radio – to stay informed of breaking news and continued coverage of emergency events.

**Connect** with information sources and stay in-the-know. Learning about hazards in your area, knowing about emergency plans that have been established, and staying informed are the first steps toward being a disaster survivor, instead of a disaster victim.

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To stay informed about disasters and emergencies in New Jersey via social media, follow the NJOEM on [Twitter @ReadyNJ](#), "like" us on [www.facebook.com/READYNEWJERSEY](http://www.facebook.com/READYNEWJERSEY), or get email and text message alerts via [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com) or [www.njalert.gov](http://www.njalert.gov).