

WEB/MOBILE RESOURCES

Seabrook Island Property Owners Association
<http://www.sipoa.org>

Tidelines community blog
<https://tidelinesblog.com/>

Tidelines Emergency Alerts Twitter
[@tidelinesalert](https://twitter.com/tidelinesalert)

Town of Seabrook Island
<http://www.townofseabrookisland.org/emergency-preparedness/>
Twitter - @SeabrookIsland87

News Channels:
NBC <http://counton2.com>
CBS <http://live5news.com>

Charleston County
<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management>

Charleston County Sheriff
Twitter @ChasCoSheriff

St Johns Fire Department Twitter
[@StJohnsFD](https://twitter.com/StJohnsFD)

NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
www.noaa.gov/

Berkeley Electric Co-op
<http://outageviewer.besc.com:88>

American Red Cross
<http://www.redcross.org>

Traffic (Google Maps, Waze, Inrix, www.511sc.org and www.dot.state.sc.us)

Centers for Disease Control - <http://cdc.gov>

FEMA's national website for Disaster Preparedness <http://ready.gov>

South Carolina Emergency Management Division
<http://scemd.org>

PREPARATION AND PLANNING

- If you need help evacuating, or know someone who may need help, call the Town of Seabrook Island at 843-768-9121 to register for assistance.
- Sign up for: Code Red, Smart911, Red Cross Safe and Well.
- Plan where you will go.
- Identify hotels beyond the evacuation point (at least 100 miles inland) ask about pets if appropriate.
- Plan for obtaining medications/medical equipment while away.
- Pull together contact information of friends/neighbors.
- Gather personal & legal documents (birth, marriage certificates), prescriptions, pet health records– (make a digital copy).
- Review insurance policies to know what is covered, and take with you, including insurance agency contact.
- Make an inventory of household property (photos/video).
- Fill propane tank.
- Have dead/damaged trees & branches removed.
- Move items in the garage off the floor/unblock flood vents.
- If leaving a 2nd car behind, figure out where to leave it
- Microchip/vaccinate pets.
- Work down excess food in freezer/refrigerator.
- Purchase emergency supplies. See list online at: <https://townofseabrookisland.org/emergency-preparedness/> (3 days of non-perishable food and water)
- Arrange to pay bills online.
- Arrange for tree removal & yard clean up with contractors for after the storm.

IMMEDIATE ACTION WHEN EVACUATION IS IMMINENT

- Put outdoor & screened porch furniture, grill, flower pots, hoses, and outdoor decorative items inside.
- Close shutters & blinds and install window/door protection.
- Remove perishable foods from freezer and refrigerator.
- Make hotel reservations at locations beyond the evacuation point.
- Fill car with gas.
- Pack emergency supplies in car, including evacuation route map(s) – Charleston County Evacuation map.
- Pack pet supplies in car (crate, bowls, leash).
- Notify alarm company of pending evacuation.
- Reserve mobile device battery usage for emergencies.
- Take Lap-tops, cell phones and other devices with charger.
- Bring credit cards and cash. ATMs may not be operational.

EVACUATION

- Contact security system vendor re: preventing false alarms in power outages.
- Shut off icemaker and remove food & ice from freezer, turn off breaker switches to oven, refrigerator, cooktop, hot water heater, air conditioning.
- Unplug countertop appliances, stereo, etc.
- Turn off propane tank at the tank, not the gas grill.
- Close windows, lock doors.
- Shut off main water valve.
- Shut off main power switch.

SEABROOK ISLAND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Seabrook Island is a great place to live, play and vacation, but like all barrier islands, we do experience hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, and earthquakes, so planning, preparation, and recovery are critical. If disaster strikes, Seabrook Island may not be habitable for days or longer due to impassable roads, loss of electric power, cell service, and potable water. In an evacuation order or mandatory evacuation, all of the emergency service personnel and equipment will be removed from the island. Emergency medical techs, fire responders, and security will NOT be available. Imagine no toilets, cell service, land lines. Access to family, friends, emergency and medical assistance is impossible. *For these reasons, impending disasters must be taken very seriously.*

Extensive information is available on the Town of Seabrook Island website:

<https://townofseabrookisland.org/emergency-preparedness/>

EMERGENCY CONTACTS – PRIOR TO DISASTER

- Emergency	911
- Seabrook Island POA	843-768-0061
- Town of Seabrook Island	843-768-9121
- Seabrook Island Security	843-768-6641
- Seabrook Island Utility Commission	843-768-0102
- Charleston County Emergency Preparedness	843-202-7400
- Johns Island Fire Department	843-768-4174
- Current status of Seabrook Island	888-314-3177
- Request for Town help in transportation	843-768-9121

FULL-TIME RESIDENTS

- All Full Time Residents should be prepared for a hurricane by utilizing the checklist in this pamphlet.
- If you are going to be away for an extended period of time during hurricane season, such as vacation or other event, you should complete the checklist before you leave. In addition, have a property manager, friend or neighbor's contact information available to check on the status of your property. Have a prearranged plan to contact clean up resources should the need arise.

PART-TIME RESIDENTS

- If you live nearby and visit frequently, regularly check weather forecasts so you can arrange to prepare your home for the storm. Have a prearranged plan to contact clean up resources should the need arise.
- If you live further away or visit infrequently, you should complete the checklist before you leave during hurricane season. In addition, have a property manager, friend or neighbor's contact information available to inform you of the status of your property. Have a prearranged plan to contact clean-up resources should the need arise.

RENTAL PROPERTY OWNER

- If you have a property manager or if your home is on a rental program, review and confirm with them annually what their responsibility is in the event of a disaster. This includes preparing your home, as well as cleaning up afterwards, if necessary. Keep in contact with them before, during and after the disaster.
- If you rent your home on your own, contact your renters and confirm that they will prepare your home. You should also have a backup company or person that can perform this for you if necessary. Have a prearranged plan to contact clean up resources should the need arise.

RENTER

- Discuss with your homeowner ahead of hurricane season what they expect of you concerning preparation before and clean up afterwards. Ask the homeowner for a backup resource to contact if necessary.
- Call your homeowner in the event of an eminent evacuation to let them know what the situation is. They might not be aware how serious the situation has become.

RETURN TO ISLAND

- Wait until the Town of Seabrook Island gives the All Clear to return – call (888) 314-3177 or go to townofseabrookisland.org for information.
- Look at Berkeley Electric's website to see if there is power on your street.
- Purchase food and supplies before your return (stores in our area may not be stocked).
- Be cautious of wild animals that may have taken shelter in unusual places.
- Check your home for damage, take pictures, and make notes.
- If you smell gas, get out immediately and call 911.
- If power is available on your street, (1) turn off all your breaker switches, (2) turn on your main power switch, (3) turn on each breaker, one at a time, checking each to make sure the electricity is working in that area before moving on to the next breaker switch.
- Contact contractors to make repairs. The Town of Seabrook Island can identify contractors licensed to work on Seabrook Island. Get written estimates. Keep all receipts for materials for insurance claims.
- Separate debris for pick up - vegetation, wood from homes, chemicals, brown & white trash, spoiled food.
- Uncover fire hydrants, and don't place trash near fire hydrants.

DIFFERENCES IN DISASTERS

FLOODING

- Move yourself and property higher in the house, above flood levels.
- Listen to weather channel, tides and warnings.
- Be aware of snakes and animals coming into the home.
- Don't drive through flooded waters.



HURRICANE

- Do not stay on the island and risk your life and the lives of others.
- Watch the weather channel and news to get predictions of the hurricane.
- Prepare your home for the worst case and hope for the best.
- Listen to the Governor's evacuation requirements.



TORNADO

- Keep windows and doors closed and stay in an internal room.
- Watch weather reports - tornadoes will take unpredictable paths.
- Do not drive during a tornado.

EARTHQUAKE

- Drop, cover, and hold until shaking stops.
- If outdoors, find a spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights, power.