



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT Evacuation Guidelines 2018

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is located in a coastal community of eastern, MA and is susceptible to coastal flooding and potential evacuations.

Contact your emergency management officials to learn about the risks of coastal flooding in your community and neighborhood.

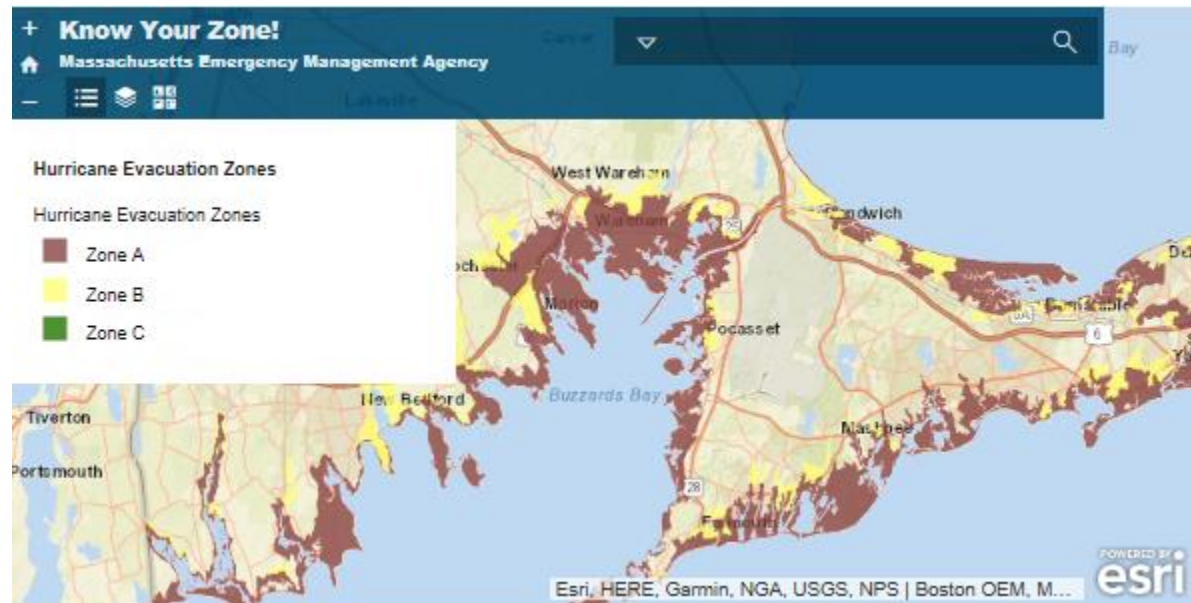
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For information on your designated hurricane evacuation zone, use the interactive [Know Your Evacuation Zone](#) map. If you live or work in designated evacuation zone you should be prepared to evacuate before a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall.

There are currently pre-established hurricane evacuation zones in each of the States coastal communities. These zones -- Zones A, B and C -- identify the areas of coastal communities that are at risk for storm surge flooding from tropical storms or hurricanes. Barnstable County is located in Zone's A & B.





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Know how to receive emergency information, including recommendations or orders to evacuate;

- Sign up for Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emergency Alerting System (MWTEAS), contact MWT EMD to be added to the MWT EAS.
- Monitor news broadcasts.
- Download [Massachusetts Alerts](#) to your smartphone. This is a free app from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.
- Follow MWT EMD & MEMA on Twitter or Facebook.
- Follow your local emergency management agencies and other public safety agencies on social media.
- Make a Family Emergency Plan. If you must evacuate, know where you will go, how you will get there, what you will bring. Make sure that your plan includes provisions for managing children, seniors, and family members with disabilities or medical issues. Include your pets in your Family Emergency Plan. While service animals will be allowed inside shelters, household pets are not allowed in all shelters. [Pets and Animals in Emergencies](#) webpage for additional tips. Remember: “If you go, they go!
- Assemble an [Emergency Kit](#) . Keep your supplies in an easy-to-carry kit that you can take with you in case you must evacuate.
- If you or a family member may require special assistance to evacuate please notify the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Emergency Management Department: (508) 477-5800 Ext 13, 15
- If you undergo routine medical treatments or receive home health services, work with your service provider in advance to understand their emergency plan and to find backup providers that you might use in an emergency.
- Keep your car fueled if an evacuation seems likely. Gas stations may be closed during an emergency, or unable to pump gas during power outages.
- If you do not have personal transportation or a way to evacuate, make arrangements with family, friends or your local government.



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If Asked to Evacuate;

- Listen carefully to instructions and information from emergency management and public safety officials and evacuate immediately.
- Gather only essential items; take your [emergency kit](#). Remember you may be away from home for up to a few days.
- Tell your family emergency contact where you are going.
- Advise family members who are outside the area not to return home.
- Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes.
- If you go to a shelter, notify staff of any special needs you or your family may have.
- If designated evacuation routes are established, follow the routes; other routes might be blocked. Expect heavy traffic.
- Do not return to the evacuation area until the evacuation order is lifted.
- Do not call 9-1-1 unless you have an emergency. Call your local non-emergency number, or 2-1-1 for non-emergency information or questions.

If you have enough time before you leave

- Elevate valuable items to higher points within your home in case of flooding.
- Secure outdoor items (lawn furniture, grills, hanging plants, trashcans, awnings, toys, etc.) or move them indoors.
- Close and lock windows and doors.
- Turn off lights and appliances. Turn off water, electricity, and gas (if instructed to do so).
- Check with neighbors to see if they need assistance.



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Hurricane Evacuation Zones

Know Your Zone! Learn if You Live or Work in a Hurricane Evacuation Zone;

Evacuation may be necessary during a hurricane or tropical storm due to risk of storm surge. Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tide. The destructive power of storm surge and large battering waves is often the greatest threat to life and property during a storm, and can result in loss of life, destroyed buildings, beach and dune erosion, and road and bridge damage along the coast.

If you live, work, or plan to vacation in one of Massachusetts's coastal communities, or near a river or other waterway connected to the ocean, you should "Know Your Zone." Use the interactive map below or the [evacuation zone maps](#) for your community to learn whether your home or business is in a pre-designated hurricane evacuation zone.

About the Hurricane Evacuation Zones

Zone A & B – These zones include areas that, depending on predicted inundation, may flood first from storm surge during a tropical storm or hurricane. Areas in Zone A would flood before areas in Zone B. *Mashpee is located in Zone B.*

Zone C – The cities of Boston and Cambridge have designated a third zone, Zone C, which may flood depending on the track and intensity of the storm.

Note: The hurricane evacuation zones do not directly correspond to hurricane categories. Storm surge impact is not measured by the Saffir-Simpson hurricane category scale, and storm surge threats can vary from storm to storm.

If you live, work, or vacation in an evacuation zone, you should **plan** for, and be prepared to **evacuate** before a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Listen closely to local and state officials and weather forecasts for evacuation information. Public safety officials may instruct residents in the evacuation zones to leave. If Tribal, local or state officials call for an evacuation of your zone, you follow their directions and move to a safe area.



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Additional Hurricane Preparedness Resources

- Prepare for and stay safe during a hurricane or tropical storm with **Hurricane Safety Tips**.
- Download the **Massachusetts Alerts app** to receive important evacuation information.
- For more information on how the evacuation zones were created, go to the: **Hurricane Inundation Maps**.

Hurricane evacuation zones should not be confused with **flood insurance risk zones**, which are designated by the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** and can be reviewed on **flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs)**.

Guidelines and Safety Tips for Evacuations:

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A wide variety of emergencies may require you to evacuate your home or business. In some instances, you may have ample time to prepare to evacuate. But, in some situations, an evacuation must be immediate. Planning ahead ensures that you are able to evacuate quickly and safely. Know what to bring with you when you evacuate, how you will communicate with family and friends, where you will go, and how you will receive critical information from public safety officials. Public safety officials will communicate the need to evacuate through various means, including the media, social media, and **alerting systems**.

Before the Storm or Emergency

- Create a **Family Emergency Plan** that includes how you will exit your home, where you will go, how you will get there, and how you will communicate with your family if you are asked to evacuate. Be sure to incorporate the needs of your family into this plan. If you or **a family member requires regular care**, request a list of backup providers who would be available during a disaster.
- Make a plan that outlines where you will take your for your pets and animals during an evacuation.
- Learn how to receive **alerts and important public information** before, during, and after an emergency.
- Find out if you live or work in a **designated hurricane evacuation zone**.
- Assemble a portable **emergency kit** to bring with you during the evacuation.
- Always keep your car's gas tank full. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies.



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If You Are Asked to Evacuate

- Listen carefully to instructions and information from public safety officials. Evacuate immediately.
- Gather only essential items and take your **emergency kit**.
- Follow your **Family Emergency Plan**.
 - Tell your family emergency contact where you are going.
 - Advise family members who are outside the area to not return home.
 - Remember to take **your pets**. If you go, they go!
- Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes.
- If you go to a shelter, notify staff of any **special needs you or your family** may have.
- Stay away from the disaster area until you are advised that it is safe to return.

If there is time before you evacuate:

- Lock all your windows and doors.
- Unplug appliances and electric equipment.
- Check with your neighbors to see if they need assistance.

Call 2-1-1 for information about emergency shelters, transportation restrictions, or to ask any other questions about emergency evacuations. Only call 9-1-1 if you need immediate assistance from police, fire, or emergency medical services.



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Emergency Shelters

The Tribe currently has the Community and Government Center as a warming station in the event of a large scale power outage for a 12-24 hour period within a 5 mile radius of the Community and Government Center. The tribe has plans to make an emergency shelter within the housing complex. Tribal members living locally will find the tribal shelter most convenient; others living more widely on Cape Cod and the Islands will also have access to six Regional Emergency Shelters listed below. All are Red Cross certified and operated and opened to all, with no residency requirements. The Barnstable County Emergency Shelter Committee conducts annual drills in which representatives of the Tribe participate. For the time being, the nearest regional shelter for tribal members living in Mashpee is the Falmouth Regional Shelter. Those with pets may choose to go to one of the shelters that are pet friendly including Harwich, Sandwich, and Yarmouth.

Regional Shelters

Barnstable Regional Shelter: Barnstable High School, 774W. Main Street, Hyannis—no pets

Eastham Regional Shelter: Nauset Regional High School, 100 Cable Road, Eastham—no pets

Falmouth Regional Shelter: Falmouth High School, 874 Gifford Rd, Falmouth—pets

Harwich Regional Shelter: Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, 351 Pleasant Lake Avenue—pets

Sandwich Regional Shelter: Sandwich High School, 365 Quaker Meeting House Rd, East Sandwich—pets

Yarmouth Regional Shelter: DY Regional High School, 210 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth—pets



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Cape Cod Emergency Traffic Plan -

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/07/30/2018%20Cape%20Cod%20Emergency%20Traffic%20Plan%20Base%20Plan.pdf>

The Cape Cod Emergency Traffic Plan (CCETP) has been developed to facilitate the egress of a high volume of traffic from Cape Cod in the event of a hurricane or other potential high hazards, particularly during peak tourist season.

The CCETP is not an evacuation plan, but rather is a traffic management plan that can be used under any circumstance when public safety officials deem it necessary to implement Task 1 to facilitate the flow of traffic off of the Cape. The plan may be implemented if there is an evacuation for parts of the Cape or when a large number of people elect to leave the Cape even if there is no evacuation request or order. In a hurricane it is unlikely that there would ever be a need to evacuate the entire Cape. Rather, people in vulnerable low lying areas may be asked to evacuate to safer, higher ground areas on the Cape, including to friends' or families' homes, or nearby public shelters.

This plan was initiated following Hurricane Edouard, which approached Cape Cod on Labor Day in 1996. Within hours of the Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency, a 6-8 hour backup, stretching an estimated 40 miles occurred from the Sagamore Bridge to the Orleans Rotary along Route 6, due in large part to the challenges presented by the highway's rotaries and on-ramps. The goal of the Plan is to eliminate the causes of congestion in the areas of the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges, as well as on Routes 6 and 28, the main arteries leading to them. Free flowing off-Cape traffic is the primary objective of the Plan.

The Plan, which is revisited and exercised annually, is comprised of three stages. Prior to any traffic management operations, a significant amount of time is spent in the **Preparation Stage** to ensure public safety partners are prepared for a potential full activation of this plan. Once preparations are complete, the **Response Stage** begins. This Stage is made of two tasks. *Task I* involves traffic operations to help streamline traffic off of Cape Cod. This task eliminates off-Cape access to Routes 6 and 28 at the base of both Bridges, prohibits local traffic access to these main arteries through the rotaries and prohibits all cross-rotary traffic. These prohibited merges are offset by providing detours around the congestion areas to points on Route 6 and Route 28 where entering/merging will not affect the primary traffic flow. These new traffic patterns will



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be accomplished by traffic coordination of Massachusetts State Police at crucial travel points, a series of prepositioned informational signs set up by MassDOT, and continual Media announcements. In the event of an accident or breakdown, arrangements have been made with several local tow companies, who will be utilized to remove disabled vehicles from the roadways. The rapid removal of these vehicles will minimize potential backups. If towed, these vehicles will be moved only to pre-designated locations in the immediate area to maximize the tow companies' availability to keep the roads clear.

Task II of the Response Stage is activated when the Army Corps of Engineers, MassDOT, MA State Police, and MEMA determine that winds have reached or are about to reach dangerous levels, precipitating the closure of all traffic on the Bridges. Past versions of the CCETP tied closure of the bridges to specific wind-speed thresholds. In the most recent Plan, the decision will depend on a variety of additional factors such as forecast, time of day, traffic and road conditions. Once the bridges are closed, any motorists still on the road will then have the option of seeking their own shelter (including at public shelters or at families' or friends' homes) or going to the designated Shelter of Last Resort at Joint Base Cape Cod (formerly known as the Massachusetts Military Reservation at Camp Edwards) until the storm passes. Once the storm passes and the bridges can be reopened to traffic, the **Re-entry Stage** begins, whereby traffic operations are returned to normal in a controlled manner.

The Cape Cod Emergency Traffic Plan has been developed by the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local partners. Participants in this process have included representatives of MEMA, MA State Police, MA National Guard, MassDOT, American Red Cross, Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, MA Department of Public Health, Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), National Weather Service, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Barnstable County Sheriff's Department, Barnstable County REPC, Barnstable County IMT, WQRC-Radio and numerous Public Safety Personnel from the potentially impacted communities from Bourne to Provincetown and the Islands.