



**Jones Road Wildfire, Waretown, Barnegat and Lacey
Township April 2025
More than 15,000 acres burned**

APPROXIMATELY 5,000 RESIDENTS EVACUATED

**IF GREENBRIAR OCEANAIRE HAS TO
EVACUATE, WILL YOU BE READY?**

The Greenbriar Oceanaire Fire Safety Group has prepared several documents to assist you in being prepared should there be an evacuation. Use your judgment and modify your evacuation process to fit your needs. For example: You can prepare a TO GO kit NOW and keep it updated. Or, you can prepare a personalized list in descending order of importance of what items to pack indicating where those items are located. If you do this, make sure you have ample tote bags nearby to hold all so you can quickly grab, stuff, and go. Perhaps tape the list to the inside of a kitchen cabinet or on the refrigerator for easy access.

In a perfect world, Emergency Management personnel would be here to help us evacuate, especially assisting our home-bound/special needs residents. But because of the unpredictability of a wildfire or other emergency, assistance may not be available. If you have special needs and may have a problem evacuating, in addition to signing up with the Ocean County's Register Ready Program (see our Community Manager for specific information), REACH OUT NOW to a neighbor(s) and make an alternate plan for assistance. Be sure to sign up for **Nixle** and the Ocean County Alerts and be aware of the evacuation routes before they are needed. Information on registering for the **Nixle** and **Register Ready** services is posted on the **MYGOCC.com** homepage

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE
FIRE SAFETY GROUP:**

WE ARE EACH RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN SAFETY!

GREENBRAIR OCEANAIRE EVACUATION ROUTES

PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTE: Front entrance onto Wells Mills Rd West (to Garden State Parkway) or East (to Route 9). Depending on location of emergency, instructions might be communicated on which direction to head.

SECONDARY EVACUATION ROUTE: East (Pancoast Rd) gate onto Rte 9 north or south

If the evacuation is due to a wildfire and there are no emergency personnel directing traffic, ALWAYS drive away from the approaching fire.

Emergency Evacuation Kit Checklist

(Items should be stored in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack, duffle bag or plastic storage bin.)



Medicines



First Aid Kit



Important Documents

- Mortgage
- Insurance
- Birth Certificates
- Social Security Cards
- Wills
- Tax Information
- Bank Information
- List of family physicians
- List of important family information, such as style and serial number of medical devices like pacemakers
- Video or picture inventory of household items



Cash / Checkbook



Clothing and Bedding

- At least one complete change of clothing and sturdy shoes per person
- Blanket or sleeping bag per person



Water

- 1 gallon/ day/ person (Keep at least a 3-day supply in your house.)
- Water purification kit or bleach



Food

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables; canned juices; soup; food for infants, elderly persons or persons on special diets
- Non-electric can opener or utility knife



Irreplaceable Items

Supplies and Special Items

- Extra pair of eyeglasses or contacts
- Extra house and car keys
- Battery operated radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel
- Personal hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.
- Toilet paper, towelettes



Pets

- Pet food, water and feeding bowls
- Carrier, leash, bedding
- Vaccination records

WHAT TO DO DURING EVACUATION

- Stay informed. Check city, county and emergency service websites, and social media. Check local news, TV and radio for updates.
- Opt-in to emergency *alerts* from Ocean County and Ocean Township NIXLE.
- Enable Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on your cell phone.
- Keep your cellphone charged.
- Have an emergency plan and go-kit ready with supplies for health, safety and identification.
- Inform loved ones of your plans. Designate a safe meeting place and out-of-area contact person for family members.
- Gather important items such as documents, eyeglasses, medications, medical devices, food and plenty of water.
- Act early if you are older or have children, disabilities or limited access to transportation.
- Plan for animals. Locate your pets and keep them with you.
- Determine possible evacuation routes. If you do not drive, make other arrangements for transportation in advance.
- Plan for emergency shelter. Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit 211 for local resources.
- Check with your neighbors if you have time and can do so safely. Exchange information. Ask for help if you need it and offer help if you can give it.
- Don't** wait to evacuate if you need extra time to leave or if you feel unsafe. Conditions can change rapidly. Make the best decision for your safety.
- Re-locate to a safe place outside of the affected area. Drive carefully. Turn on your headlights. Follow traffic safety warnings and instructions from local authorities.
- Remain as calm as possible. Take slow, deep breaths. This will help you think clearly and make good decisions.
- If you're responsible for others or pets, they will benefit from your calm behavior during this stressful time.

WHAT TO PACK IF YOU HAVE TIME

- Critical:** Prescription medications, medical devices, *eyeglasses*, food and plenty of water
- Safety:** Sanitary items, first-aid kit, flashlight *with* extra batteries, gloves, eye protection, and face coverings or N95 masks that protect against fine smoke particles. Wear long sleeves, long pants, sturdy shoes and a hat to keep embers out of your hair.
- Communication:** Phones, tablets, laptops, charging cords, hard drives or backup disks, maps and AM/FM radio. Consider making an emergency plan with important phone numbers before an emergency.
- Documentation:** Photo identification, driver's license, birth certificate, social security card, passport, visa, insurance policy, mortgage deed or rental agreement, medical records, banking or financial records, etc.
- Personal:** ATM debit and credit cards, cash, clothing, hygiene items, family photos and other small irreplaceable items
- Animals:** Extra water, food, leashes, cages or carriers, medication, identification, bedding, and vaccination or medical records. Prepare large animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early.
- Visit Ready.Gov for more information about being prepared for an emergency, including a full list of emergency supplies:



WHAT TO DO INSIDE YOUR HOME IF YOU HAVE TIME

- Shut all windows and doors**, including interior doors to each room.
- Close fireplace dampers and pet doors.**
- Turn off any pilot lights.**
- Remove flammable window coverings** such as shades, curtains, shutters or blinds.
- Move flammable furniture** to the center of a room, away from windows and doors.
- Leave interior **lights** on to make your home visible to firefighters in smoke or darkness.
- Turn off the air conditioning to reduce airflow through the house.
- Leave your contact information on your dining table.
- Take a video or pictures of the inside and outside of your home for insurance purposes. Consider making a home inventory before an emergency.
- Disengage your garage door opener, by pulling emergency release, in case power is lost. **Get assistance if necessary.**

WHAT TO DO OUTSIDE YOUR HOME IF YOU HAVE TIME

- Keep your vehicle ready. load your emergency supplies into the vehicle and make sure the gas tank is full. Carry your keys with you at all times. Back your vehicle into your parking space to leave quickly. Keep doors and windows shut and set the ventilation system to recycle air to keep smoke out.
- Gather flammable and combustible items and bring them inside or in the garage. This includes patio furniture, BBQ grills, children's toys, doormats, etc.
- Turn off propane tanks.** Move propane appliances and gasoline cans away from structures if it is safe to do so. Do not shut off your natural gas. Utility companies can shut down systems when fire threatens an area. If your natural gas is shut off during a wildfire, do not turn it back on. Call your natural gas company to properly restore your service.
- Leave exterior lights on** to make your home visible to firefighters in smoke or darkness.
- Help firefighters** by placing a ladder at the corner of the house; leaving gates propped open; connecting garden hoses to outside water valves; and filling water buckets and placing them around the house. Don't leave sprinklers on or water running, as that can affect critical water pressure.
- Seal your attic and ground vents.** Use plywood, duct tape, aluminum foil or commercial seals.
- Monitor your property** and the fire situation. If you feel threatened, leave right away. Do not wait for an evacuation order.

AFTER YOU EVACUATE

- Do not return** to the area until public safety officials announce the area is safe.
- Seek medical help** if you are injured.
- Inform loved ones** that you are safe.
- Continue to check updates** through local city, county and emergency services, social media, local news and radio.
- Visit RedCross.org for disaster assistance.

(Fire Safety Group 9/12/25)

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS WARETOWN and OCEAN COUNTY

WARETOWN NIXLE

Nixle is a secured Community Information Service that allows Ocean Township and other agencies to connect with local residents via cellphone messages, email, and/or landline telephone voice messages. **YOU** choose the agencies from which you want to receive notifications and **YOU** choose how those notifications will be conveyed to you. The service is free, however, cellphone text and data rates may apply depending upon your chosen mobile phone service. For those who travel outside the community and sometimes leave a loved one at home who may need assistance; if you have registered with Nixle for cellphone alerts, you will have the opportunity to get home or contact a neighbor to assist your loved one.

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP

- If you have a computer and an email account, go to: www.nixle.com
Follow the path provided to access all available options.

If you want to register for cellphone text messages only or if you don't have email, simply text 08758 (our local zip code) to 888777 and receive real-time alerts and advisories directly from your local police department and other local agencies.

OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: COUNTY ALERTS

For more information and to sign up go to: sheriff.co.ocean.nj.us
Follow prompts for COUNTY ALERTS

SIGN UP NOW, BEFORE YOU NEED IT!

**READY,
SET,
GO!**



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