

Town of Bourne Hurricane Earl Preparations

Bourne Public officials have been meeting over the past several days to prepare for the arrival of Hurricane Earl on Friday, September 3rd. If large areas of Bourne should lose electricity, or if flooding either from storm surges or excessive rainfall isolates areas of the town, the following locations would be available for shelter: The Bourne Veterans Memorial Community Building, Main Street, Buzzards Bay; The Bourne Middle School off Trowbridge Road and The Oakridge School, 365 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, Sandwich. People with serious or chronic medical conditions should seek shelter at the Oak Ridge School where Red Cross professionals will be present.

While most residents should shelter in their own residences as it provides safe and comfortable shelter, Bourne residents seeking shelter in any of the public shelters are reminded to bring with them any medications or personal items they might need as these items would not be provided at the shelter(s). Items needed for bedding should also be brought by persons seeking shelter. The Community Building and Middle School Shelters can not accept pets. Pets may be brought to the Sandwich Oakridge School shelter.

Residents are reminded to prepare for Hurricane Earl, or any storm, by making sure adequate flashlights or battery powered lights are in working order; food not requiring cooking is on hand; vehicles have a full tank of gasoline, and a family communications plan is in place prior to arrival of the storm.