# **Emergency Notifications**

Advanced communications technologies are used by emergency managers locally, statewide, and nationally. The public should register IN ADVANCE to receive important notifications via best channels of communication. Please see the below lists and select those most appropriate to your location and preferred communications method(s)

## **Alerts & Other Communications Channels**

#### **Emergency Alerts:**

- NIXLE: Montgomery Township Police emergency texts or emails
  - Residents can view and sign-up for a Nixle account and choose Montgomery Police and other agencies online
  - Or residents can quickly register from a cell phone by sending a text message with their zip code to 888777
  - o You may only receive Police Nixles by text or email, you cannot receive both.
- Somerset County Public Safety Nixle: Info on bridge or county road closures and emergency weather alerts.
- NJ State Police Nixle
- WEA/CMAS (Wireless Emergency Alerts / Community Mobile Alert System)
  - This nationwide system is now being employed for Amber Alerts and by the National Weather Service to transmit weather Warnings (but not Watches) to your cell phone automatically. A warning means the hazard is imminent; a watch means conditions are favorable for the hazard to occur. Your cell phone must be WEA (Wireless Emergency Alert) enabled to receive these messages and your carrier must be a participant. See FCC info on CMAS & list of carriers in Excel. There is an opt-out option, but we recommend that you do not opt-out of receiving these messages.

#### **Email Services & Social Media Pages:**

- Montgomery Twp E-bulletins Sign-up
- PSE&G MyAlerts
  - Receive updates by text and report outages by texting "Out" to 4PSEG.
  - "Like" PSEG on Facebook or follow on Twitter @PSEGdelivers.

- Montgomery Twp on Facebook
- Montgomery Twp on Instagram
- Montgomery Twp on Twitter
  - See List of Sources to follow in an Emergency on our Twitter page
- Montgomery Tweets/Text Alerts without Twitter Account
  - Text the words 'Follow InMontgomeryNJ' to 40404
- Somerset County on Facebook
- Somerset County on Twitter
- Somerset County Email Notifications
- NJOEM on Facebook
- NJOEM on Twitter

## On the Web

Use credible websites to get information about natural hazards and emergency preparedness. The Office of Emergency Mgt. works closely with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center regarding storm predictions and forecasts.

- Montgomery Twp. Website
- Waze Maps: Includes Montgomery Township Road Closure Information
- Nixle Wire of Towns in Vicinity
- National Weather Service
- National Hurricane Center
- New Jersey Office of Emergency Management
- Montgomery Twp. School District Website (closing info)
- PSE&G Outage Center Webpage
  - Map

### **Traditional Media**

**NOAA Weather Radio:** 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.

**TV & Radio** — Monitor these sources as well to stay informed of breaking news and continued coverage of emergency events. Some local radio stations include WPRB-103.3FM Princeton, WCTC-1450AM New Brunswick, NJ101.5 FM Trenton, and WPST 97.5FM Princeton.

\*The first line of defense against the effects of a disaster is personal preparedness. During an emergency, the government and other agencies may not be able to meet your needs. The above information channels may not be maintained 24/7 and should not be relied upon by the public to communicate your status.

In an emergency, dial 9-1-1. It is important for all citizens to make their own emergency plans and prepare for their own care and safety in an emergency.