

## What is OEM?

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is a local government department that provides for the health, safety and welfare of residents during times of emergency and disaster. Emergency Management has an active role in towns and cities nationwide, and focuses on municipal preparedness, response and recovery from all types of natural and man-made disasters. OEM managers work closely with local Fire Companies, First Aid Squads, Departments of Public Works, and Health Departments to coordinate activities and resources for maximum effectiveness.

There are several things you can do to be better prepared for an emergency. The Washington Township OEM encourages all residents to:

### Plan Ahead

Create a family emergency plan based on what you've learned from previous events. Identify your needs and plan for them. Consider family members, pets, and the elderly in your plans. Consider combining resources with neighbors.

### Stay Informed

Know how and where to get information. Familiarize yourself with available resources, explore helpful websites, and sign up for emergency alerts and notifications BEFORE you need them.

### Be Prepared

Have nonperishable food, water, batteries, medicines, fuel, cash and a portable radio on hand. Have your utility service provider and insurance company contact information on hand. Keep vehicles fueled and serviced. If you have a generator, know how to use it safely. If you rely on well water, have a backup plan if it stops working.



## Get Involved

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train residents to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. To volunteer as a local CERT member, you must complete an application and pass a background check.

For more information, visit [www.citizencorps.gov/cert/](http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/) or contact Bruce Clark, Washington Township Office of Emergency Management. (contact phone and email listed below)

## Emergency Awareness Guide

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### Questions?

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## Ways to Stay Informed

### Reverse 911 alerts

When critical emergency information need to be shared, Washington Township will utilize the official E911 system to issue alerts and notifications by phone to all residential and business land line (non-cellular) telephones. **You will receive these alerts automatically, and no sign up is required.**

### Receive spoken alerts on your mobile phone

Residents can also receive Reverse 911 alerts on their cell phones. To register multiple mobile phone numbers for each household, go to **[www.morrisoem.org](http://www.morrisoem.org)** and select **Register for Alerts**. You will be asked to create an account and specify the mobile numbers that will receive alerts and notifications.

### Radio

Local radio station WRNJ is a valuable community resource in broadcasting timely information to the public. Tune in at 1510 AM, 104.7 FM, or 92.7 FM.

### Local Websites

Washington Township's website: **[www.wtmorris.net](http://www.wtmorris.net)** is updated frequently during emergency situations.

The Long Valley Patch **[www.longvalley.patch.com](http://www.longvalley.patch.com)** also provides timely information on their website and Facebook pages and allows you to sign up for email updates.

### Receive Nixle alerts on your mobile phone

Washington Township also sends alerts by text message to mobile devices capable of receiving standard Short Message Service (SMS) text messaging. To sign up, send a text message containing the Washington Township zip code – **07853** – to address **888777**.

### Twitter

Follow **@WashingtonTwp** on Twitter to receive updates from Washington Township.

Follow **@MCUrgent** to receive tweets from Morris County OEM on developments across Morris County.

### Sign Boards

As we saw during Superstorm Sandy, technology-dependent communications may not be working. During an emergency, township employees will put regular paper updates on sign boards around town. The sign boards will be located at the following locations:

**Municipal Building**

**Police Department**

**Schooley's Mountain Fire House**

**Flocktown Road First Aid Squad Building**

**East Mill Road First Aid Squad Building**

**Long Valley Fire House**

**Fairmount Fire House**

**St. Luke's Church**

**Palmer Park**

**Heath Village**

### Additional Resources

Visit the township website: **[www.wtmorris.net](http://www.wtmorris.net)**. Under the **Departments** Tab select **Office of Emergency Management**. You will find information about family disaster plans, useful links, CERT team information, and links to helpful publication and guides.

### The American Red Cross

The website **[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)** contains helpful disaster plan information.

### Wellness Check Program

The Washington Township Public Health Nurse works in conjunction with the Washington Township Police Department and OEM to identify and check in on seniors during emergency situations. Contact the Township Nurse, Gail Johnson at 908-876-3315 x1242 to sign up for the program.

### JCP&L

Report power outages to 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877). or **[www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com)**. You can also report outages on the JCP&L Mobile App on your smart phone. Use the keyword 'FirstEnergy' when searching the app store. Make note of confirmation numbers you receive.

### Township Outage Reporting

While the Township has no control over power outages or the utility company, please report your outage to us AFTER you have notified JCP&L. Go to the Township website home page (**[www.wtmorris.net](http://www.wtmorris.net)**), click on the **Report an Outage** tab at the top right of the home page.

We will use this information in our communications with JCP&L. Updates we receive from JCP&L will be posted on the township website.