



Town Of Porter, Maine Office of Emergency Management

The Town of Porter Emergency Operations Center (EOC) serves as an information and assistance point for emergency response activities.

EOC activation is desirable when one or more of the following situations occur:

1. there exists an imminent threat to the safety or health of the public.
2. multi agency/multi-jurisdiction response and coordination is necessary.
3. local resources are inadequate or depleted and/or significant local mutual aid, state and/or federal resources must be utilized.
4. the disaster affects multiple political jurisdictions within the County which are relying on the same emergency resources.
5. in the case such as: local emergency ordinances have been implemented to control the emergency (e.g., evacuations).

The Town of Porter has complete access to Town and County Resources.

When the Town of Porter EOC is activated, public information and updates will be shared at <https://portermaine.org>.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

2023

Mitigation is the work done to prevent or lessen damage from and adverse event. This can be as simple as ditching along a roadway that floods, or as complex as rebuilding roadways or changing zoning ordinances.

The town government will work with their local emergency manager and public works departments / road commissioner to determine the best use of funds and the most needed projects.

Because the Town of Porter participates in the Hazard Mitigation Plan, they are eligible to receive pre-disaster mitigation and hazard mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Town of Porter's Hazard Mitigation projects were revised in 2022 as part of an Oxford County update cycle and we have provided a list of needed projects for the County Plan. .

The Town of Porter reviews its projects on a yearly basis, and the Oxford County Plan is updated, per Federal Guidelines, every five years.

Town of Porter Emergency Operations Plan

Annex 1: Severe Winter Storms

Annex 2: Forest Fires

Annex 3: Flooding

Annex 4: Hazardous Materials

Annex 5: School; Violence

Annex 6: Utilities Failure

Annex 7: Severe Summer Storms/Hurricanes

Annex 8: Pandemic Influenza

Basic Plan

A- Direction and Control

B- Communications

C- Warning

D- Public Information

E- Evacuation

F- Mass Care

G- Health and Medical

H- Resource Management

I- Damage Assessment

J- Homeland Security

K- Continuity of Operations

Get Prepared

The likelihood of you and your family surviving a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a natural disaster or other emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes.

Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. Get a kit, make a plan, and be informed.

Have a Plan

Because disasters may be unexpected, it is important to have a family plan of action and communication to ensure that all household members are safe.

Remember to keep a list of emergency contact numbers for your household members, nearby hospitals, first response agencies, and others.

Visit [Ready.Gov](https://www.ready.gov) for a good resource on creating a Family Emergency Plan.

Watch this brief video for an overview of how to create and test your Family Emergency Plan.

Build a Kit

A disaster kit is a cache of basic supplies that you would need during a disaster. These supplies could be stored in a container or backpack in your home. It is good practice to keep a second disaster kit in your car or place of employment.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends that you include three days of food and water. Depending on how remote your home is, you may want to prepare for longer.

Make sure you include items that may be specific to other household members with special needs such as children, the elderly, pets, etc.

In addition to items necessary for survival, consider including “morale boosting” items in case you are required to shelter in place for a few days. Examples could be crayons and coloring books or playing cards.

Prepare your Home

Check with your insurance provider to ensure that you have sufficient coverage for your home or rental property.

Learn how and when to turn off the water, gas, and electricity in your home.

Identify a place in your home that would suffice to shelter in place during a disaster.

Determine escape routes from your home. Practice them. Determine a meeting spot.

Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and a generator.

Be a Good Neighbor

Get to know your neighbors and identify those who may need additional assistance during a disaster.

Check on your neighbors before, during, and after a disaster if it is safe and possible.

Assist neighbors with identifying resources they may need during a disaster (transportation, meal , services, medical assistance).

Plan how your neighborhood could work together after a disaster.

Town of Porter Assistance

The Town of Porter is adequately prepared to assist the citizens of Porter, Maine.


Maine winters are sometimes brutal, and some may find their ability to keep warm, to eat or charge phones, can be a dire consequence . Winter is especially difficult, however other times of the year can also bring about disasters.

We have the means available for shelter, food, water, and power when someone needs help.

Anyone can contact the Town Office during work hours, in person or by calling 207-625-8344.

Anyone can contact the Office of Emergency Management at 207-432-1919 or email rberube@portermaine.org

➤ Ways to Stay Informed about Weather

1. Register for email or text weather alerts through local TV stations.
2. WCSH Channel 6: WCSH site
3. WMTW Channel 8: WMTW site
4.  WGME News Channel 13: My News 13 site
5. Download weather apps to your smartphone.
6. Monitor local news media via TV, radio, or internet.
7. Check out the Weather page on the NWS Gray/Portland website at
8. Government Weather Site

Emergency Management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.

Emergency management protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.

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