

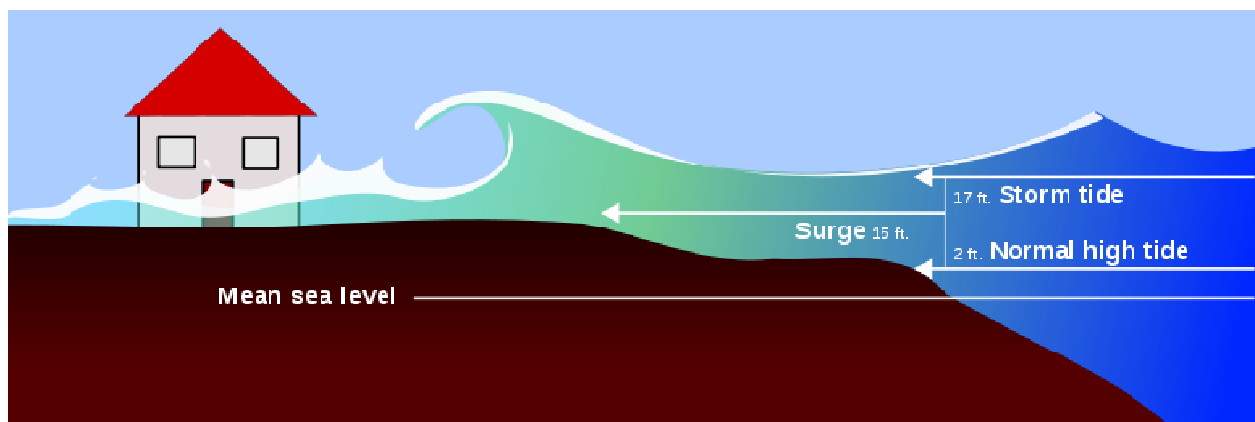


The Residents Guide to the Portmore Evacuation Plan

Why a Portmore Evacuation Plan?

Portmore, a community of more than 250,000 persons, lies on the south east St. Catherine plain, bordering the western section of Kingston Harbour. The position of Portmore makes it vulnerable to storm surges and other natural and man-caused hazards, from earthquakes, hurricanes and floods, to fires, chemical spills and aircraft accidents. The Portmore evacuation plan outlines procedures for an orderly evacuation of Portmore if this becomes necessary.

Storm surges are produced as a result of Hurricanes



A storm surge is a gradual rise in the water level along a shoreline produced by low pressure and onshore hurricane winds. A hurricane which is travelling along or toward the south coast can produce storm surges high enough to threaten communities located away from the sea but which are at or below 4.5 metres (15ft.). A 4.5m (15ft.) surge was reported in 1722 in the area which is now Portmore. The Portmore evacuation plan, aims to ensure that arrangements are in place to evacuate the citizens out of Portmore before any such event.

How does the Evacuation Plan work?

The initial emphasis on the plan has been on the storm surge hazard, but the plan can be adapted to evacuations for other hazards.

The plan targets evacuation of communities within Portmore. Depending on the level of the threat and the areas that are at the greatest risk at the time, only some of the communities may be evacuated. Persons will be alerted through announcements on television, radio and town criers, to prepare to evacuate at least 24 hours before tropical storm forced winds (62-117kph) begin affecting the area.

The Evacuation Process

Evacuation of persons will be conducted in four (4) phases. Persons from priority zones will be evacuated in the first three phases and from secondary zones in the fourth phase. Priority zones are areas which are most vulnerable to the threat, so these communities will be evacuated first. Transportation for evacuation will be from designated assembly points which are schools, community centres, churches or selected open spaces in priority and secondary zones.

Evacuation Routes

Evacuation via transportation

- ✓ Municipal Boulevard (I-95) to Mandela Highway
- ✓ Waterford Dyke Road on to the Mandela Highway
- ✓ Gregory Park main Road onto the Mandela Highway
- ✓ North Dyke Road on to the Mandela Highway
- ✓ Dawkins drive on to the Causeway main Road (one-way thoroughfare out of Portmore)
- ✓ Augusta Drive (Port Henderson Road) on to the Causeway Main Road
- ✓ Bernard Lodge Main Road on to the Spanish Town By-pass
- ✓ Lakes Pen and Grange Lane Main Roads will be used as alternative routes to Spanish Town should the situation warrant
- ✓ Dunbeholding Main Road on to the Spanish Town By-pass

Evacuation via Public Transportation



Residents without their own means of transportation will be asked to go to the assembly points where they will be registered and placed on buses.

Assembly Points and Routes

Communities	Priority Zones	Assembly Points
Waterford	Zone 1	Waterford Infant School Waterford Primary Waterford High
Caymanas Gardens Site A	Zone 1	Caymanas Track Parking Lot
Portsmouth	Zone 1	Portsmouth primary School
Passage Fort, Independence City	Zone 2	Passage Fort Gospel Assembly Passage Fort Football Field
Westchester	Zone 2	Westchester Community Centre
Edgewater	Zone 3	Edgewater Baptist Church
Bridge View	Zone 3	Edgewater Community Centre
Garveymeade Westmeade Westport	Zone 3	Westport Community Centre
Bridgeport	Zone 3	Bridgeport Comprehensive High School
West Bay Port Henderson	Zone 4	Bayside New testament Church of God
Southborough	Zone 5	Southborough Community Centre
Marine Park	Zone 5	Naggo Head Primary
Braeton 3&4	Zone 6	Braeton JHSchool SDA Sports Complex
Queens Park Kensington	Zone 6	Belmont Park Primary School
Chedwin	Zone 6	Greater Portmore Learning Centre Resource centre
Braeton Newtown Sabina	Zone 6	Greater Portmore Basic School Greater Portmore High School Greater Portmore Primary School

Assembly Points for Secondary Zones

Communities	Priority Zones	Assembly Points
Christian Pen Lesser Portmore, Hamilton garden Watson Grove Gregory Park Caymanas Gardens	Zone 1	Gregory park All Age
Meadowvale Surrey meadows	Zone 1	Caymanas Race Track Parking Lot
Independence City Cumberland	Zone 1	Southborough primary Truth Tabernacle United Church of God

Portmore Gardens Cumberland Meadows	Zone 2	Cumberland Meadows Open Space
West Cumberland Meadows	Zone 2	Church of the Holy Spirit "Anglican Church"
Braeton	Zone 2	Braeton Housing Scheme "Open Space"
Naggo Head Newlands	Zone 2	Southborough Community Centre Naggo Head Primary School
Portmore Pines Silverstone	Zone 3	Portmore Pines Plaza
Belmont Park, Monza, Daytona, Epson, Ascot, Aintree, Sandown Park	Zone 3	Ascot High School Ascot Primary School

Shelter Locations

Residents will be taken from the assembly points to the public shelters in Kingston or Spanish Town. These are the national Stadium Complex, Mico Teachers College and the GC Foster College.

What to take with you to the Shelter

Residents will be allowed only one piece of carry-on luggage per person. You are advised to take the following items with you

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket/bed sheet • Flashlight • Medication • Child/infant necessities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinned Food/water • Personal toilet articles and sanitary needs/clothing • Important documents/money
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What not to take to the Shelter



DO NOT TAKE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, WEAPONS OR PETS TO SHELTERS. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE YOUR PETS KEPT IN A SAFE PLACE

Returning after a Hurricane

Once danger has passed, persons will be allowed back into the area in an organized manner. Several police Traffic Control Points will be positioned in the area in order to facilitate the smooth return of residents by the same routes along which the evacuation was done.

Security Information

The police will monitor the evacuated area before and after the impact of the hurricane; conditions permitting.

For further information contact

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