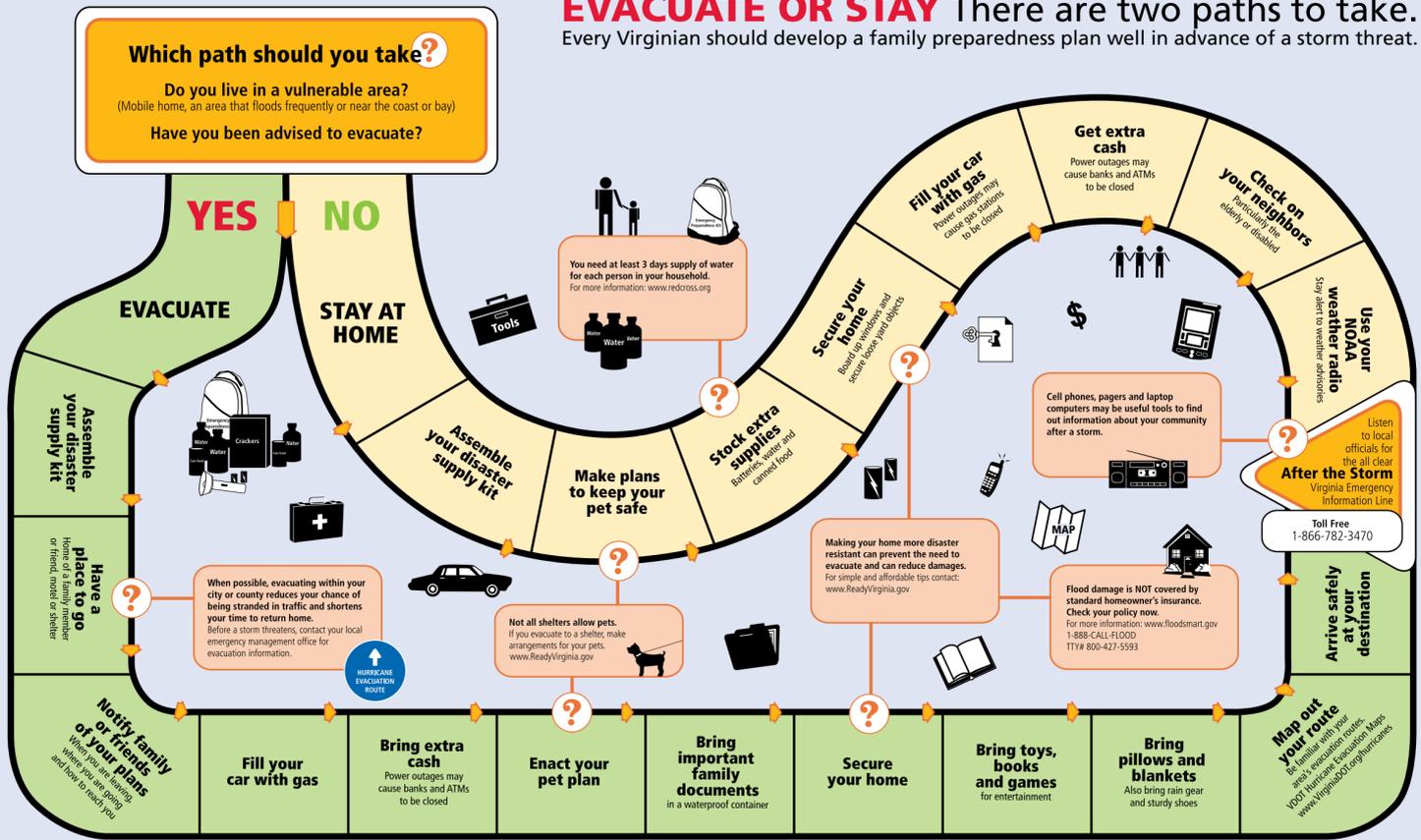


EVACUATE OR STAY

There are two paths to take. Every Virginian should develop a family preparedness plan well in advance of a storm threat.



YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Federal Emergency Management Agency
 www.VirginiaDOT.org/hurricanes
 Dial 511
 Virginia Road Conditions
 www.VirginiaDOT.org/hurricanes
 Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) www.vademergency.com
 Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Emergency Info TOLL-FREE LINE 1-866-782-3470
 FEMA National Flood Insurance Program www.fema.gov/kids
 FEMA Kids Page www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm
 FEMA Hurricane Hazards Fact Sheet
 Listen to local officials for the all clear
 Use your NOAA weather radio
 Stay alert to weather radio
 Check on your neighbors
 Particularly the elderly or disabled
 Get extra cash
 Power outages may cause banks and ATMs to be closed
 Fill your car with gas
 Power outages may cause gas stations to be closed
 Secure your home
 Board up windows and secure doors and objects
 Stock extra supplies
 Batteries, water and canned food
 Make plans to keep your pet safe
 Cell phones, pagers and laptop computers may be useful tools to find out information about your community after a storm.
 After the Storm
 Virginia Emergency Information Line
 Toll Free 1-866-782-3470
 Making your home more disaster resistant can prevent the need to evacuate and can reduce damages.
 For simple and affordable tips contact: www.ReadyVirginia.gov
 Flood damage is NOT covered by standard homeowner's insurance. Check your policy now.
 For more information: www.floodsmart.gov
 1-888-CALL-FLOOD
 TTY# 800-427-5593
 Not all shelters allow pets. If you evacuate to a shelter, make arrangements for your pets.
 www.ReadyVirginia.gov
 When possible, evacuating within your city or county reduces your chance of being stranded in traffic and shortens your time to return home. Before a storm threatens, contact your local emergency management office for evacuation information.
 Assemble your disaster supply kit
 Have a place to go
 Home of a family member or friend, motel or shelter
 Notify family or friends of your plans
 When you are leaving and how to reach you
 Fill your car with gas
 Power outages may cause banks and ATMs to be closed
 Bring extra cash
 Power outages may cause banks and ATMs to be closed
 Enact your pet plan
 Bring important family documents
 in a waterproof container
 Secure your home
 Bring toys, books and games
 for entertainment
 Bring pillows and blankets
 Also bring rain gear and sturdy shoes
 Map out your route
 Be familiar with your area's evacuation routes
 VDOT Hurricane Evacuation Maps
 www.VirginiaDOT.org/hurricanes

For more information

511 is a free, 24-hour-a-day service to update you on real-time traffic, congestion and weather information. 511Virginia.org also includes links to transit options, trip planning and more.

In Virginia, dial 511
 Outside of Virginia, call 1-800-578-4111
 www.511Virginia.org

511 Virginia
 Your One-Stop Shop for Traveler Information

What is a hurricane?

HURRICANE WATCH - The National Hurricane Center issues a hurricane watch to alert specific regions when hurricane conditions are forecast for the area within the next 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan and you should begin protecting your home and property from the storm. Monitor weather reports via television or radio to stay informed.

HURRICANE WARNING - The National Hurricane Center issues a hurricane warning when sustained winds of 74 mph or greater are forecast for the area within the next 24 hours. All precautions must be taken immediately; your family should already be in the process of securing property and relocating to a safe place to wait out the storm. Monitor weather reports via television or radio to stay informed.

SAFIR/SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE

CATEGORY 1
 Surge: 4-5 feet
 Winds and Effects: 74-95 mph (64-82kt)
 No real damage to building structures. Damage primarily to unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery and trees. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage.

CATEGORY 2
 Surge: 6-8 feet
 Winds and Effects: 96-110 mph (83-95kt)
 Some roofing material, door and window damage; considerable damage to vegetation, mobile homes, etc. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings.

CATEGORY 3
 Surge: 9-12 feet
 Winds and Effects: 111-130 mph (96-113kt)
 Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings, with a minor amount of structural failures. Mobile homes are destroyed. Flooding near the coast may be flooded well inland.

CATEGORY 4
 Surge: 13-18 feet
 Winds and Effects: 131-155 mph (114-135kt)
 More extensive structural failures with some complete roof failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland.

CATEGORY 5
 Surge: 19 feet+
 Winds and Effects: 156 mph+ (135+ kt)
 Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required.

Hurricane Gates on I-64

VDOT installed gates along I-64 to help emergency responders reverse the roadway during a major evacuation of Hampton Roads.



Where are the gates?
 The gates are located on the eastbound ramps along I-64 from just before the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel to I-295 in Richmond.

Why did VDOT install the gates?
 In the event of a hurricane or other disaster, the governor can order an interstate lane reversal to help quickly evacuate Hampton Roads. Should this occur, all lanes on I-64 will carry westbound traffic. The gates were installed to prevent motorists from trying to enter the interstate traveling east when traffic is being reversed and motorists are moving west in all lanes.

Why are there two gates at each ramp?
 There are two gates at each ramp to make sure the ramps are completely inaccessible when closed. VDOT was concerned that motorists might drive on the shoulders of the roadway in an attempt to move around the gates. The two gates should prevent this.

Why are the gates at the end of the ramp?
 The gates are at the end of the ramp so vehicles traveling in the reversed eastbound lanes (heading west toward Richmond) cannot exit the interstate using these blocked ramps and cause an accident on the connecting roadways. As a safety precaution, VDOT will place other devices (barrels and smaller gates) at the top of these ramps so motorists do not try to use those entrances to the eastbound lanes during a closure.

Having the gates positioned at the bottom of the ramp provides a final measure to prevent motorists from getting on the interstate heading east while traffic is moving west.

If the gates are down, how am I going to get off the interstate?
 There will be only two exits for reversed traffic before I-295: Exit 234 in Williamsburg (where services include gas, food, lodging and a hospital) and Exit 205 at Bottoms Bridge (where services include gas and food). If motorists exit the reversed I-64 lanes, they can use a standard entry ramp to return to I-64 West. There are no re-entry ramps onto the reserved lanes.

A comfort station area will also be in place at Jefferson Avenue. There, citizens can rest, use the restroom and get water. In addition, the two safety rest areas along I-64 toward Richmond will be open.

Who will monitor the exits and roadway during the evacuation?
 VDOT, Virginia State Police and Virginia Army National Guard personnel will be at each of the ramps and at the comfort station at Jefferson Avenue. They also will be at the two open rest areas on I-64. VDOT's Safety Service Patrol will be out in full force during an evacuation and will assist motorists who break down on the interstate.

VDOT's bridge, tunnel and ferry closure plan

With help from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and local governments, VDOT developed guidelines to safely close area bridges and tunnels during the height of a hurricane. These guidelines allow crews enough time to close and evacuate these structures before they become unsafe for travel.

- Crews look at wind speeds, storm surge, rain bands and other conditions at each bridge and tunnel to decide if and when to close it. The wind speeds below, in combination with the factors previously listed, will force the closure of VDOT bridges and tunnels.
- The Midtown Tunnel and Jamestown-Scotland Ferry will close when an approaching tropical storm or hurricane produces winds of 39 mph that are forecast to intensify.
 - The Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel, the James River Bridge, the Downtown Tunnel, the Coleman Bridge and the High Rise Bridge will close when an approaching tropical storm or hurricane produces 45 mph winds that are forecast to intensify.
 - Note:** VDOT does not manage the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, which connects Virginia Beach to Virginia's Eastern Shore. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel is not an evacuation route. For closure information, visit www.cbtt.com.

Bridges and tunnels are planned to close after an evacuation is completed and motorists are off the road and into safe shelters. However, local conditions could dictate an early facility closure. No road closures should occur during an evacuation. Please tune to local television and radio broadcasts to hear whether area bridges and tunnels have closed.

Ready Virginia is a statewide public education effort to prepare Virginians for all hazards. State agencies and nonprofit organizations active in disaster preparedness have collaborated to create educational materials and an interactive Web site to teach residents and businesses the basic steps toward preparedness:

Get a kit • Make a plan • Stay informed

www.ReadyVirginia.gov

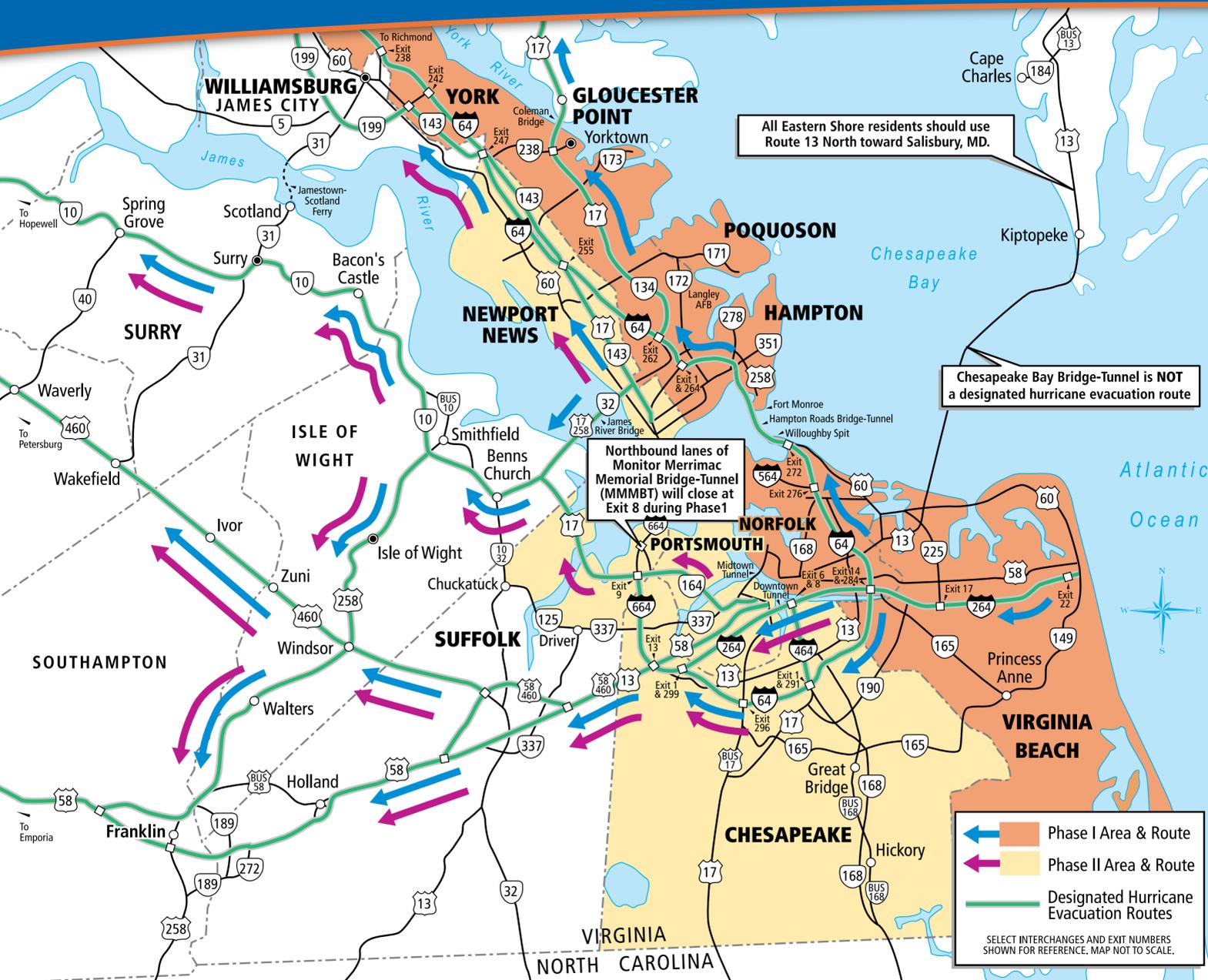
DISASTER SUPPLY LIST

Below is a shopping list of items that should be obtained in advance of a storm threat. Should you need to evacuate, it is a good idea for each person to have their supplies in an easy-to-carry bag, like a backpack or gym bag. **Get a kit • Make a plan • Stay informed**

- WATER***
 - 1 gallon per person/per day, for at least 3 days (1/2 for drinking, 1/2 for sanitation and cooking)
 - FOOD***
 - At least 3 days supply of food - requiring minimal water, no refrigeration, preparation or cooking (canned foods, granola bars, trail mix, etc.)
 - Manual can opener
 - FIRST AID KITS****
 - Prescription and non-prescription medications
 - Extra eyeglasses and contact lenses
 - Pre-packaged first aid kit
 - SURVIVAL TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT**
 - Battery-powered radio, flashlight
 - Extra bulbs and batteries
 - Call letters and dial settings of your local Emergency Alert System stations taped on your radio and TV
 - Wrenches, duct tape, a whistle and a utility knife
 - A road map
 - Cell phone
 - SANITATION SUPPLIES**
 - Toilet paper
 - Soap
 - Garbage bags
 - Plastic bags with seals
 - 5-gallon bucket with lid
 - Disinfectant
 - Pre-moistened towelettes
 - Feminine hygiene products and diapers
 - CLOTHING AND BEDDING**
 - One complete change of clothing
 - Sturdy footwear
 - Sleeping bag (or 2 blankets) per person
 - RECORDS AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS**
 - Cash (small bills) or traveler's checks
 - Credit card
 - Extra set of car keys in a waterproof container
 - Originals of important documents - in a safe place
 - Emergency phone numbers
 - OTHER ITEMS**
 - Games, toys and books
 - Pet supplies (food, water, carriers, etc.)
 - Comfort /care items unique to infant, elderly and disabled family members
 - Extra set of keys
- * Rotate food and water every six months
 ** Keep first aid supplies in home and car

VIRGINIA HURRICANE GUIDE





Phase 1

Motorists should expect some entrance ramps to be closed to smooth traffic flow onto the interstates and prevent bottlenecks. You should follow the hurricane evacuation signs to lead you away from the area. During an evacuation, the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel's (MMMBT) northbound tube, connecting Suffolk to Newport News, will be closed to all traffic to prevent traffic jams at the I-664/64 interchange. All I-664 traffic headed north toward the MMMBT will be detoured onto College Drive at Exit 8 and directed to use Route 17 to evacuate the area. The MMMBT North/I-664 North is not designated as an evacuation route for the area.

PHASE ONE: 24 to 14 hours prior to the onset of tropical storm force winds. When instructed, populations are encouraged to evacuate as follows:

VIRGINIA BEACH:

- Individuals residing north of I-264 are encouraged to use I-64 West toward Richmond.
- Individuals residing south of I-264 are encouraged to use I-64 East or I-264 West toward Suffolk.

NORFOLK:

- Individuals residing east of I-64 are encouraged to use I-64 West toward Richmond.
- Individuals residing west of I-64 are encouraged to use I-64 East and I-264 West toward Suffolk.
- There is no access to I-64 from Chesapeake Boulevard.

HAMPTON:

- Individuals residing east of King Street (Route 278) and north of Pembroke Avenue (Route 351) are encouraged to use I-64 West toward Richmond (there is access to I-64 West from LaSalle Avenue, I-664 and Mercury Boulevard).
- There is no access to I-64 West at Mallory Street or Settlers Landing Road.
- Individuals residing east of King Street and south of Pembroke Avenue (including Fort Monroe) will use Mercury Boulevard/Route 258 South (James River Bridge) to Route 258/32 in Isle of Wight, or Route 143 West to Route 199 (around Williamsburg) to Route 60 West.

- Individuals residing north of Mercury Boulevard will take Magruder Boulevard and use Route 17 North (crossing over the Coleman Bridge) toward Fredericksburg.

- Langley Air Force Base (AFB) will evacuate out of its west gate toward Magruder Boulevard South, to I-64 East, and will then use Route 258 South (Mercury Boulevard to James River Bridge) to their evacuation assembly area at the Fort Pickett Army Barracks.

YORK COUNTY AND POQUOSON:

- Residents are encouraged to use Route 17 North toward Fredericksburg.
- Residents may also use Route 171 (Victory Boulevard) to I-64 West toward Richmond.

MIDDLE PENINSULA:

- Individuals residing on the Middle Peninsula are encouraged to evacuate along Route 17 North.

NORTHERN NECK:

- Individuals residing on the Northern Neck are encouraged to evacuate toward Fredericksburg (along Route 17).

EASTERN SHORE:

- All residents of Northampton and Accomack counties are encouraged to use Route 13 North as an evacuation route.

Phase 2

Motorists should expect some entrance ramps to be closed to smooth traffic flow onto the interstates and prevent bottlenecks. You should follow the hurricane evacuation signs to lead you away from the area. During an evacuation, the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel's (MMMBT) northbound tube, connecting Suffolk to Newport News, will be closed to all traffic to prevent traffic jams at the I-664/64 interchange. All I-664 traffic headed north toward the MMMBT will be detoured onto College Drive at Exit 8 and directed to use Route 17 to evacuate the area. The MMMBT North/I-664 North is not designated as an evacuation route for the area.

PHASE TWO: 14 hours prior to the onset of tropical storm force winds until evacuation termination. When instructed, populations are encouraged to evacuate as follows:

PORTSMOUTH:

- Individuals residing north of I-264 are encouraged to use Route 17 North to Route 258/32 South in Isle of Wight County, and routes 337 West and 664 North to Route 17 North then to Route 10 West toward Smithfield.

- Individuals residing south of I-264 are encouraged to use Route 58 (Airline Boulevard) to Route 58/460 West toward Suffolk.

CHESAPEAKE:

- All individuals are encouraged to use I-64 East or I-264 West to Route 58/460 West toward Suffolk.

SUFFOLK:

- Residents north of Route 125 (Kings Highway) are encouraged to use Route 17 North, to Route 258/32 to Route 10 West toward Smithfield.

NEWPORT NEWS:

- Residents are encouraged to use Route 143 West (Jefferson Avenue) to Route 199 (around Williamsburg), to Route 60 West or Route 258 South across the James River Bridge to Route 258/32 in Isle of Wight County.

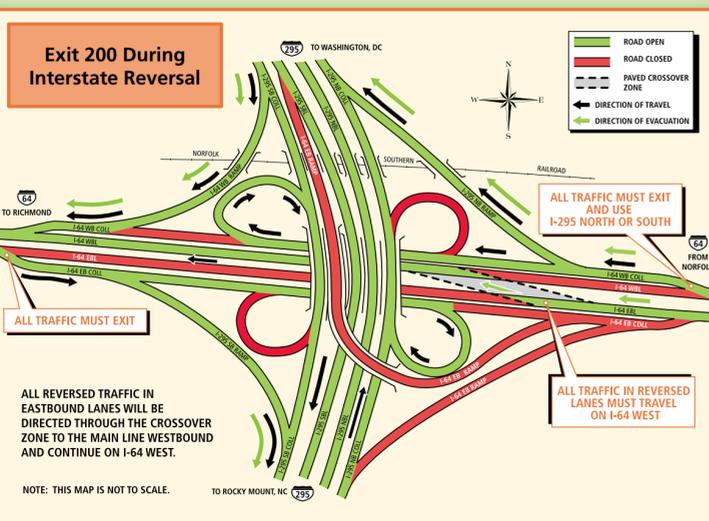
HAMPTON:

- Individuals residing west of King Street and south of Mercury Boulevard are encouraged to use I-64 West toward Richmond (there is access to I-64 West from LaSalle Avenue, I-664 and Mercury Boulevard) or Route 17 North (crossing over the Coleman Bridge) toward Fredericksburg.
- There is no access to I-64 West at Mallory Street or Settlers Landing Road.
- Individuals residing west of Armistead Avenue and north of Mercury Boulevard are encouraged to use Route 17 North (crossing over the Coleman Bridge) toward Fredericksburg.



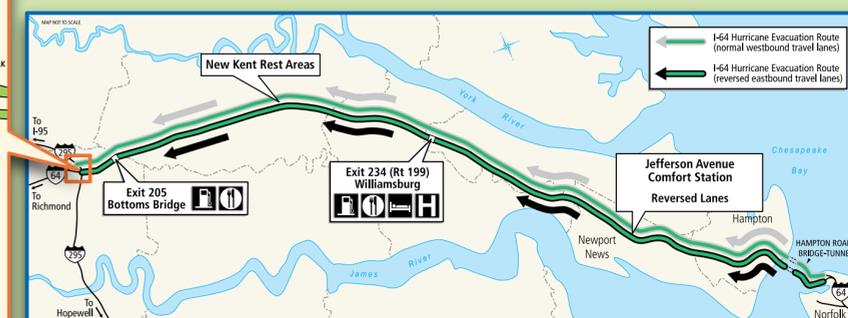
FOLLOW THESE SIGNS DURING AN EVACUATION

When might Virginia reverse the direction of traffic on I-64?



Cities and counties issue standard evacuations for their areas, drawn in two phases on the map above. A standard evacuation issued by a city or county does not reverse traffic direction on I-64. **Only the governor can issue a traffic direction reversal.**

In the event of a Category 3 – 5 storm, the governor might issue a traffic direction reversal of I-64 to evacuate citizens more efficiently. The direction of traffic on I-64 will only reverse during the most extreme conditions. The I-64 reversal plan begins on the Norfolk side of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel and ends at the I-295 Interchange in Richmond.



In the event of traffic direction reversal on I-64:

- I-64 westbound traffic traveling from Norfolk and Virginia Beach will shift onto what are normally the eastbound lanes of I-64 just before the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel in Norfolk, near Willoughby Spit. Motorists will continue traveling on the eastbound lanes until they reach I-295 in Richmond. Note: There will be only two possible exits while traffic is reversed between Norfolk and I-295: Exit 234 in Williamsburg, (Route 199) for gas, food, lodging and hospital; and Exit 205 in Bottoms Bridge for gas and food. A comfort station on I-64 near Jefferson Avenue and the rest areas in New Kent County will also be open.

- No traffic will be allowed to travel east on the interstate during a reversal. All I-64 eastbound lanes and ramps between Norfolk and Richmond will be closed to eastbound traffic, from just east of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel to I-295 in Richmond.

- Motorists should expect some entrance and exit ramps onto the standard I-64 westbound lanes to be closed to smooth traffic flow onto the interstates and prevent bottlenecks.

- If motorists exit the reversed I-64 westbound lanes at one of the two exit locations, they can use a normal entrance ramp to return to I-64 West. On the Peninsula, there are no entrance ramps leading to the reversed I-64 lanes. Peninsula motorists have access to the standard I-64 westbound lanes for an evacuation.

- I-64 westbound traffic traveling from Hampton, Newport News and James City County will be able to enter and exit the interstate as they normally would.

During an evacuation, emergency plans call for:

- Limited emergency motorist assistance provided by VDOT on the road or at the rest areas and comfort station
- Wreckers to be on standby along I-64 to move disabled cars and trucks out of travel lanes
- Drinking water to be available at the New Kent rest areas, at the Jefferson Avenue comfort station and at the west Suffolk weigh station on Route 58.

In addition to hurricanes, I-64 might be reversed for other emergencies at the discretion of the governor.

Once evacuees arrive at the I-295/I-64 interchange, they will take I-295 North, I-295 South or they will continue into Richmond on I-64 West depending on which side of I-64 they are traveling (See Exit 200 map for more information). If you evacuate, it is important to decide on a destination before you get in the car. Try to make arrangements to stay with friends or family, or make reservations at a hotel or motel. If you must stay at a shelter, remember to bring pillows, blankets, medications and other necessary items. The state has plans to open sheltering facilities throughout the commonwealth in the event of an evacuation. Emergency officials will announce details about shelter locations through the local media.

VDOT has an agreement with the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitor's Bureau to encourage the use of their toll-free number during an evacuation. Motorists can call 1-800-370-9004 or 1-804-782-2777 for help finding lodging in the Richmond area.