

# CHATHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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## **Roadways-Landings-Beach Parking Lots Prone to Flooding during major storms**

The following locations in the Town of Chatham have a history of significant flooding during major storms events. There may also be additional locations that will flood depending on storm conditions, tides, surge, and other factors. This list is followed by recommended safety guidelines for vehicles and pedestrians in flooded areas.

Bridge Street (west of the Mitchell River Bridge)  
Champlain Road (west of Port Fortune Lane)  
Claflin Landing  
Cockle Cove Road (Taylor's Pond Road to Cockle Cove Beach)  
Fish Pier lower parking lot  
Forest Beach Road (south of Bay View Road)  
Hardings Beach parking lots  
Morris Island Road (Dune Drive – Outermost Marine – Stage Island Road)  
Orleans Road/Route 28 (at Frost Fish Creek, Crosswind Farm, Jacknife Landing)  
Ridgevale Road (Cranberry Lane to Ridgevale Beach)  
Ryder's Cove Road and Ryder's Cove Landing  
Scatteree Road (Old Wharf Road – Minister's Point)  
Stage Harbor Road (at Oyster Pond Beach, Old Mill Boatyard)  
Strong Island Road (Eastward Road – Old Saltworks Road, Rush Drive)

- Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Most of these drownings occur during flash floods. Flash flood waters and storm surge move at very fast speeds and can roll boulders, sweep away cars, tear out trees, destroy buildings, and obliterate bridges. Six inches of swiftly moving water can knock you off of your feet. If you must walk through a flooded area, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there and solid, even where the water is not flowing.

- Do not drive through flooded areas. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Cars can be swept away in just 2 feet of moving water. Do not drive around road barriers. They are there for a reason. The road may be washed out or structurally unsound. If your car becomes trapped in floodwaters, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground. Many deaths have resulted from attempts to move stalled vehicles.

- Avoid powerlines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is also a major killer in floods. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to your utility company, Chatham Fire Department, or Chatham Police Department.

- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.