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"The Massachusetts Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Coastal Hazards "

CAMBRIDGE, MA - May 24, 2013 - The Massachusetts Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Coastal Hazards was developed collaboratively with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Barnstable County, and the two Massachusetts Sea Grant programs, MIT Sea Grant (MITSG) and Woods Hole Sea Grant (WHSG). A key priority of this project partnership is increasing the resiliency of coastal communities to coastal hazards. One major component of strong communities is enhancing individual resilience and recognizing that adjustments to day-to-day living are necessary. This book is designed to promote individual resilience, thereby creating a fortified community, and specifically to help homeowners prepare for coastal hazards to reduce risks to family and property.

The resource provides information about coastal hazards in addition to guiding residents on practical measures that can keep them safe and minimize damage to homes and property. While it is never possible to eliminate all potential damage from a natural hazard, as a homeowner you can take action and implement many small and cost-effective steps that could significantly lower your risk. Mother Nature can be intense. Your family and home deserve protection that only you can provide.

Free hard copies are available at town halls throughout coastal Massachusetts, and a limited number of books can be ordered by emailing seagrantinfo@mit.edu. To download a free copy please [click here](#).

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