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# HURRICANE Preparedness Guide

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**Town of Oyster Bay**  
Department of Public Safety  
(516) 677-5350

*(To report downed trees, stranded cars, informations on evacuation routes, emergency shelters, etc.)*

**PSEG Long Island**  
1--(800) 490-0075

**National Grid**  
1--(800) 490-0045

**Red Cross**  
www.NYRedCross.org

**National Weather Service**  
www.weather.gov  
**NOAA Natl. Hurricane Center**  
www.nhc.noaa.gov

**FEMA**  
www.fema.gov

**Flood Insurance**  
www.FloodSmart.gov

**Nassau County Emergency Management**  
www.nassaucountyny.gov  
**Family & Pet Emergency**  
www.ready.gov

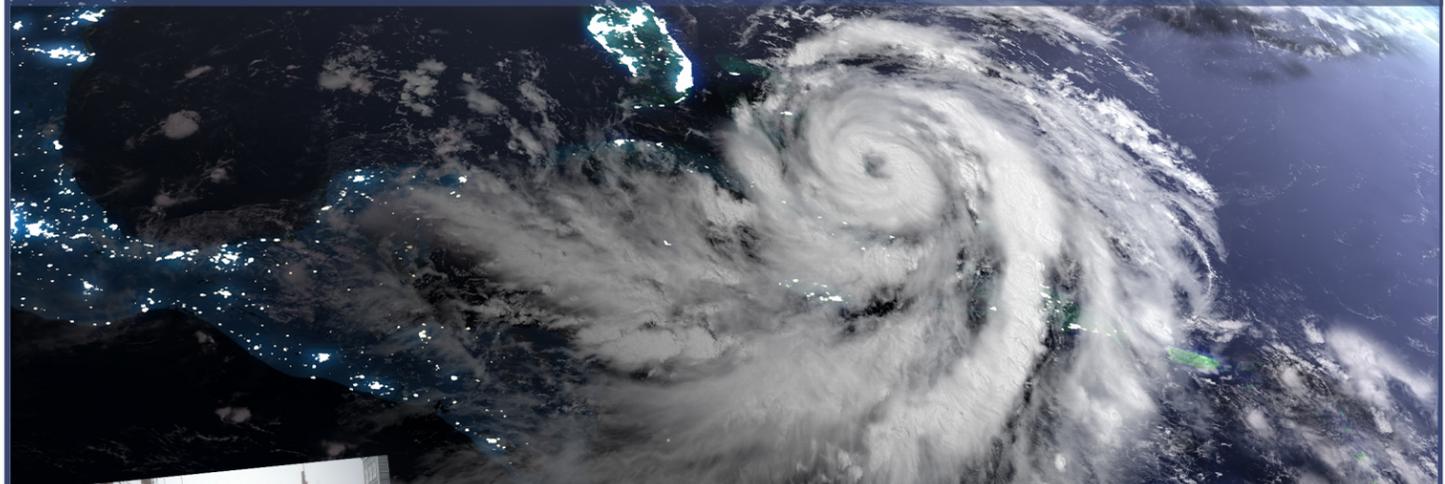
### SIGNUP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Join the Town of Oyster Bay's SWIFT 911 Emergency Notification System, which is in place to reach residents quickly with information regarding upcoming weather events and any other emergency situations. Visit [www.oysterbaytown.com/SWIFT911](http://www.oysterbaytown.com/SWIFT911)



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Dear Neighbor,

As Long Islanders, we may not have felt threatened by hurricanes in the recent past, but most certainly learned otherwise from Superstorm Sandy. It only takes one storm to change your life and community forever. Flooding is the most destructive natural disaster in the United States and 80% of hurricane related deaths occur as a result. Always follow instructions if an evacuation is ordered – lives are more important than belongings. Although there is uncertainty in hurricane forecasting, it is always better to be over prepared than underprepared.

This Hurricane Preparedness Guide contains vital information to help prepare in the event of an emergency. It also includes information on the Town's SWIFT 911 Emergency Notification System, which is in place to reach residents quickly with information regarding upcoming weather events and any other emergency situations. For more information and/or hurricane safety tips, visit [www.OysterBayTown.com](http://www.OysterBayTown.com) or call the Town's Department of Public Safety at (516) 677-5350. The Department of Public Safety is also available to host a preparedness seminar to your organization to supplement the information contained in this guide.

Please read this guide and keep it handy for quick reference. Education and preparedness are our best line of defense to make sure we are ready to weather the next major storm to strike our region.

### WHAT'S INSIDE? →

- How to Prepare for a Hurricane.
- How to Evacuate if Necessary.
- When a Hurricane Hits.
- Aftermath of a Hurricane.
- Emergency Contact Information.

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# STEP 1: Sheltering Plan & Go-Kit

A Family and Friends Sheltering Plan provides the most comfortable way to weather a storm that threatens your home. A Plan is recommended for anyone who resides in a flood or storm surge zone.

**You should contact a friend or family member that lives outside the zone & make arrangements.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring your Emergency Go-Kit.          | <input type="checkbox"/> Stick to evacuation routes. View these routes at <a href="http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/oem">www.nassaucountyny.gov/oem</a> . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone with charging accessories. | <input type="checkbox"/> Take your most reliable vehicle.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off all utilities.               | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep this publication in your house.  |

Each person should have a Go-Kit in the event of a hurricane, tropical storm, surge watch (possible impact) or surge warning (expected impact). Put these items into a smaller, portable Go-Kit — such as a hands-free backpack, duffel bag or a container — in case you need to evacuate. Keep it by your front door or an exit in case of an emergency evacuation. Kits should sustain you and your family for up to five (5) days.

## FAMILY GO-KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Bottled water and non-perishable food.
- Cell phone and charging accessories.
- First aid kit, essential prescription and nonprescription medication and medical information.
- A change of clothes, plus rainwear, sturdy shoes and protective gloves for everyone.
- Battery-powered flashlight and radio (or crank radio), extra batteries and a 12-hour glow stick.
- Personal items, ie: eyeglasses, cash in small bills.
- Important documents in a waterproof container: Drivers' licenses • Wills • Birth/Marriage certificates • Insurance policies • Deed or Lease • Recent tax returns • Credit card and bank account numbers • Social Security cards • Passport • Home inventory list.
- Special items for infants, elderly, pets or loved ones.

## PET GO-KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Your pet's name.
- Your name, address, phone and cell number.
- Emergency contact - friend or family.
- Your veterinarian's name and contact info.
- Medical records • Specific Care instructions • Behavioral problems.
- First aid kit / medications.
- Current photos.
- Sturdy leash, collar or harness, muzzles.
- Paper towels for clean-up.
- Food & Bottled Water (3 days supply).
- Manual can opener & bowls.
- Water purification tablets.
- Toys and other comfort items.
- Treats, brushes, combs.

# STEP 2: Evacuation



If an evacuation of coastal areas is ordered, evacuate immediately. High tides and strong winds may cause early flooding and make low-lying roads impassable. When residents refuse to evacuate, they put first responders in danger. One foot of water can move 1,500 pounds.

Winds exceeding 74 mph can uproot large trees, rip roofs from houses and demolish homes. Learn the best evacuation route before the storm. Make arrangements to stay with friends or relatives inland until the storm has passed and don't forget to take your "Emergency Go-Kit."

Listen to local media broadcasts: if evacuation is ordered, it will be announced, along with evacuation routes and shelter locations.

# STEP 3: When the Hurricane Hits



Stay inside, away from windows and glass doors. When the eye of the hurricane passes through, a period of calm, lasting anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours will ensue. The length of time within the eye depends upon the size and speed of the storm. After the eye has passed, the high winds will resume.

If flooding appears imminent, turn off the electrical power to the house. If you are unable to reach the circuit breaker before flooding, DO NOT attempt to wade through the water. If the water has reached an electrical outlet, it could cause serious bodily harm.

Use your battery-operated radio for updates and emergency information. Do not venture outside until you have been advised that the hurricane has passed.

# STEP 4: Hurricane Aftermath

Avoid driving through streets flooded with salt water. If you must, hose under the car or take it to a car wash for a chassis wash. Saltwater corrodes and destroys auto mechanisms. Look for visible structural damage before entering the house.



- Notify authorities if there is a broken water, sewer or gas line.
- Do not touch downed or loose electrical wires - assume they are live.
- Do not use any electrical outlets or appliances if wet.
- Do not drink water from the faucet until officially notified that it is safe from contamination.
- Refrigerated food spoils rapidly when power is lost. Once defrosted, do not re-freeze foods.
- Notify your insurance agent immediately of damage from the storm.