



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Important Hurricane Safety Information From Senator Lee Zeldin

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As Hurricane Irene continues to track towards Long Island, it is important that we are best prepared in case the storm strikes our area. By planning ahead, we can protect more than our properties — we can help save lives.

### **Protecting Yourself and Your Family**

- Make sure flashlights and radios have batteries. Have extra batteries on hand as well;
- Make sure your car has gas. Gas pumps may not operate if power goes down;
- Have cash on hand. ATMs and credit or debit card machines may not be functioning if power is lost;
- Have a three day supply of water and non-perishable, easy to prepare food (1 gallon of water per person, per day);
- Have copies of important papers readily available, such as your insurance policies;
- Have a camera to take pictures of any damage;
- Store or secure outside items such as patio furniture or chairs, to keep them from blowing away and causing damage;

- Pets are not allowed in shelters so be sure to make sheltering plans for your pets.

[The American Red Cross' Hurricane Safety Check List](#) also offers a number of tips about preparing your family and home for a hurricane.

Additionally, you can sign up for [Code Red Emergency Notifications from the Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management](#) by clicking here.

You can also check with the [National Hurricane Center](#) and [Suffolk County FRES](#) for official reports.

**Important Phone Numbers:**

**For all medical and safety EMERGENCIES, as always, please call 911**

Suffolk County Emergency Management: 631-852-4900

LIPA Emergencies: 800-490-0075

National Grid (gas emergencies): 800-930-0045

Suffolk Red Cross (available 24 hours): 631-924-6911

Brookhaven Highway Department: 631-451-9200

Islip DPW: (631) 224-5600

**Local radio stations with storm & evacuation related information:**

WALK : 97.5 FM

WBAB: 102.3 FM

WRCN: 103.9 FM

WBLI: 106.1 FM