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## Hurricane Sandy Update

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As New Yorkers closely monitor the path of Hurricane Sandy, it is important that we prepare for the storm's potential impact.

Although the storm track is still uncertain, Hurricane Sandy has the potential to affect many parts of New York State with a variety of threats -- including heavy rain, high winds, flooding, tornadoes, coastal surges, and widespread power outages.

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, call **911**

Suffolk County Emergency Management: [631-852-4900](tel:631-852-4900)

LIPA Emergencies: [800-490-0075](tel:800-490-0075)

National Grid (gas emergencies): [800-930-0045](tel:800-930-0045)

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

Brookhaven Highway Department: [631-451-9200](tel:631-451-9200)

Islip DPW: [\(631\) 224-5600](tel: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

Please be safe and prepared as this hurricane threat approaches. In these situations, always prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Please feel free to contact my District Office in Ronkonkoma at [\(631\) 585-0608](tel:6315850608) or email [zeldin@nysenate.gov](mailto:zeldin@nysenate.gov) with any issues you should have.