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## Preparing for Severe Weather

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Many 25th Senate District residents live within Hurricane Evacuation Zone A and are therefore part of a MANDATORY evacuation. [Click here to find out whether your home or business is in Evacuation Zone A](#). If you have trouble with that link, [download a PDF of NYC Hurricane Evacuation Zones here](#).

### **If you live in Zone A:**

- Please plan on immediately going to stay with friends or family outside of Zone A.
- If you have nowhere else to go, there are evacuation centers throughout the city that will open at 4PM Friday. [Find your closest evacuation center on this map](#). *Pets are allowed in evacuation centers. Owners are urged to bring proof of rabies vaccines and a carrier.*
- Take a “go bag” with emergency items, including an extra set of house and car keys, credit and ATM cards as well as cash, bottled water and nonperishable foods, a flashlight, battery-operated radio, first aid kit and copies of important documents (photo ID, proof of address, insurance cards) in a waterproof portable container.

- You must evacuate your home and be in shelter by 5PM Saturday.
- [Here are the City's evacuation instructions.](#)

**No matter where you live:**

- If you require Access-a-Ride for transportation, make arrangements to be picked up Friday by calling 877-337-2017. Access-a-Ride will be shut down on Saturday at 12 Noon.
- The MTA will shut down all mass transit on Saturday at 12 Noon. It is possible that bridges and tunnels will also be closed.

**If you live outside of Zone A:**

- Stay tuned to television or radio news, or call 311, to find out if the city is evacuating other areas.
- [The NYC Office of Emergency Management has compiled important information on how to prepare for a hurricane, available in multiple languages.](#)

- The Red Cross (877-733-2767) has put together a Hurricane Safety Checklist, available in English, Spanish and Chinese below.
- Report service problems and power interruptions and view service restoration information on [Con Ed's website](#) or by calling 1-800-752-6633.
- Stock up on bottled water and other essentials on the checklist, and make a plan in case you need to evacuate.
- Invite friends and family who live in Zone A to stay with you.

The City will provide updates and storm monitoring [here](#) and via 311. You can call the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at 828-271-4800 for the latest weather information.

**As always, call 911 if you have a real emergency.**

Most importantly, please stay safe!