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Preparing for Severe Weather: Mandatory Zone A Evacuation

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Many 25th Senate District residents live within Hurricane Evacuation Zone A and are therefore part of a **MANDATORY EVACUATION by 7PM TODAY**. [Click here to find out whether your home or business is in Evacuation Zone A](#). [If you have trouble with that link, please use this map](#). Even if you do not live in Zone A, please read through this email as it includes important information.

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. [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 7PM TONIGHT.**
- There are 26 NYCHA developments in Zone A, including many in the 25th District on the Lower East Side and East Village. **Elevators and hot water in these Zone A NYCHA**

developments will shut down at 7PM TONIGHT. Buses will be running from Zone A NYCHA developments to shelters from 3PM to 9PM today, Sunday.

Whether you live in Zone A or not:

- The MTA will shut down all mass transit TODAY, Sunday, at 7PM. It is possible that bridges and tunnels will also be closed. Do not wait until the last minute.
- If you require Access-a-Ride for transportation, make arrangements to be picked up by this afternoon by calling 877-337-2017.
- All NYC public schools will be closed tomorrow, Monday.

If you live outside of Zone A:

- Stay tuned to local 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](#).
- 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.

The City will provide updates and storm monitoring [here](#) and via 311. You can also 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.

Please stay safe!