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**Important Information on**

**HURRICANE  
 PREPAREDNESS**

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**BE PREPARED BEFORE, DURING, & AFTER THE STORM**


**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

- American Red Cross** (Suffolk County) ..... 631-924-6700
- Federal Emergency Management Agency** (FEMA) ..... 1-800-621-FEMA
- LIPA** (to report downed power lines)..... 1-800-490-0075
- National Grid** (emergency gas safety service) ..... 1-800-490-0045
- New York State Emergency Management Office** (LI Regional Office)..... 631-952-6322
- 511-NY** (up to the minute traffic conditions on Long Island's major roads) ..... 511

**IMPORTANT WEBSITES**

- American Red Cross** ..... [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- Disaster Assistance** ..... [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency** (FEMA) ..... [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- FEMA Emergency Planning Tools** ..... [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- National Flood Insurance Program**..... [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)
- National Weather Service** ..... [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)
- NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services** (DHSES) ..... [www.dhSES.ny.gov](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov)
- 511-NY** (up to the minute traffic conditions on Long Island's major roads) ..... [www.511ny.org](http://www.511ny.org)

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Planning ahead can protect more than your property - it can help save lives. That is why I put together this Hurricane Safety Checklist with items that may already be in your home. Although this is a general hurricane kit list, you should keep in mind any of your family's particular needs as you prepare. - Senator LaValle

## PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

### HOUSEHOLD PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

*Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit*

- Bottled water 3-5 day supply  
(1-3 gallons per person per day)
- Nonperishable food  
(3-5 day supply, replace every six months)
- Battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes or baby wipes
- Toiletries and personal hygiene products
- Manual can opener
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape for shelter
- Unique family needs, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula, diapers and important family documents, such as insurance policies
- Wooden kitchen matches in a plastic container

### OTHER GENERAL ITEMS TO KEEP HANDY IN THE HOUSE DURING HURRICANE SEASON

- Camera and film to record damage
- Cash (ATMs may not work)
- Charcoal for grill, lighter fluid or full tank of propane for gas grills  
(for outdoor use only)
- Extra cell phone battery (charged)
- Garbage bags
- Lantern
- Sturdy rubber boots for floods
- Fire extinguisher
- Special items for the elderly
- Toilet tissue and paper towels
- Work gloves

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### BABY & CHILDREN'S NEEDS

- Baby formula and nonperishable foods
- Toys (non-battery)
- Diapers and diaper rash cream
- Medications

### DOCUMENTATION

*All documents should be stored in waterproof and portable containers*

- Emergency contact information
- Copies of homeowners, auto and life insurance policies
- Inventory list of property
- Photo ID and proof of residence
- Bank and credit card information
- Social Security card, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates

### PET NEEDS

- Pet carrier/cage with toy
- Food and water
- Leash/harness with ID tag

### Pet Emergency Evacuation Tips

*Pets are currently not allowed in shelters*

- Plan ahead by calling hotels and motels outside of your immediate area to see if they accept pets.
- Ask friends and relatives who are out of the evacuation area if they could shelter your pet.
- Prepare a list of boarding facilities, veterinarians or animal shelters that provide emergency shelters.

If you must evacuate, the best way to protect your pets is to evacuate them too – do not leave them behind where they can be injured or lost!

For more information about how to protect your pets in the event of a hurricane, you can contact the Pet Safe Coalition at **516-404-5513**, the Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management at **631-852-4900** or the American Red Cross at **631-924-6700**.