



# SENATOR BONACIC'S HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

## Important Hurricane Preparedness Considerations NY Alert

It is important that you learn about your community's emergency plan, warning signals, evacuation routes and locations of emergency shelters. Identify potential home hazards and know how to secure or protect them before the hurricane strikes.

### SPECIAL EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS

If you must evacuate, take only necessities from the Household Preparedness Checklist, including items under "documentation."

### ALSO TAKE:

- ✓ Blankets or sleeping bags and pillows, extra clothing, eye glasses, rain gear, toiletries and hygiene products, quiet games, reading material, tools, etc. Also, take a map, since you may encounter detours.
- ✓ Be prepared to turn off electrical power when there is standing water, fallen power lines, or before you evacuate. Turn off gas and water supplies before you evacuate. Secure structurally unstable building materials.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

American Red Cross Metro New York North (Orange and Sullivan Counties) .....	203-869-8444
American Red Cross Eastern New York Region (Delaware and Sullivan).....	518-458-8111
Orange and Rockland Utilities .....	1-877-434-4100
Central Hudson Gas and Electric.....	845-452-2700
New York State Electric and Gas Corporation .....	1-800-572-1131
Orange County Office of Emergency Management .....	845-615-0400
Sullivan County Emergency Management.....	845-807-0508
Ulster County Department of Emergency Management .....	845-331-7000
Delaware County Department of Emergency Services.....	607-746-9600
New York State Emergency Management Office (Catskill Region) .....	845-454-0430
511-NY (up to the minute traffic conditions on New York's major roads) .....	511

### IMPORTANT WEBSITES

American Red Cross.....	<a href="http://www.redcross.org">www.redcross.org</a>
Disaster Assistance .....	<a href="http://www.disasterassistance.gov">www.disasterassistance.gov</a>
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) .....	<a href="http://www.fema.gov">www.fema.gov</a>
FEMA Emergency Planning Tools.....	<a href="http://www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a>
National Flood Insurance Program.....	<a href="http://www.floodsmart.gov">www.floodsmart.gov</a>
National Weather Service .....	<a href="http://www.weather.gov">www.weather.gov</a>
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) .....	<a href="http://www.dhSES.gov">www.dhSES.gov</a>

# BUILD YOUR ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY KIT

(Emergency Officials Recommend Also Preparing a Smaller Kit to Place in Your Car)

## HOUSEHOLD PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

*Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit*

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

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

- Camera and film to record any damages
- Cash (ATM's 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
- Lanterns
- Pet food & other pet needs
- Sturdy rubber boots for floods
- Fire extinguisher
- Special items for the elderly
- Toilet tissues, paper towels and work gloves

## INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S NEEDS CHECKLIST

- Baby formula and nonperishable food
- Toys (non-battery powered)
- Diapers & diaper rash cream
- Medications

## DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

*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 CHECKLIST

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

## PET EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND SHELTERING 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!