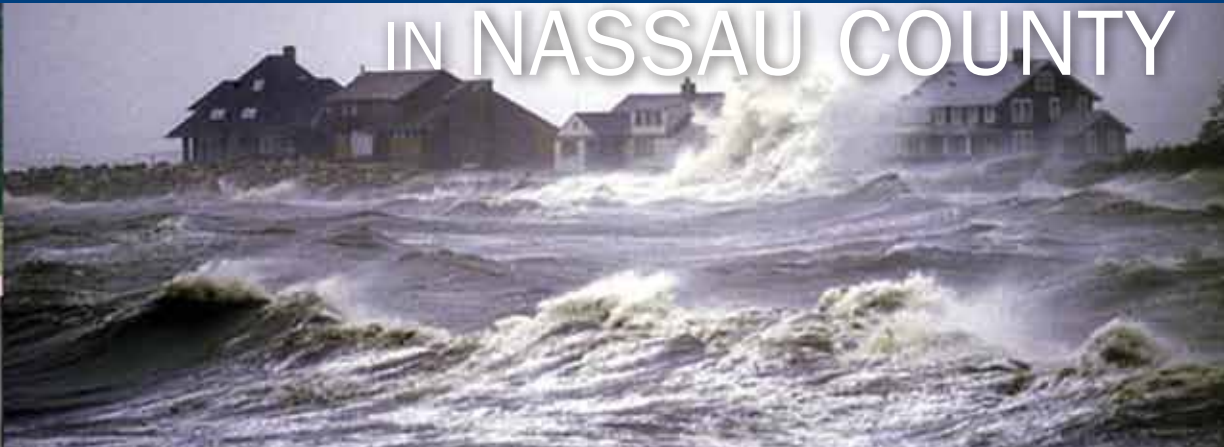


# HURRICANE READINESS IN NASSAU COUNTY



OUR COUNTY EXECUTIVE

# ED MANGANO

*Hurricane Readiness for Long Island Families & Seniors*

## DESTRUCTION OF HURRICANES

The level and intensity of hurricanes are categorized by the Saffir-Simpson scale as follows:

### CATEGORY 1

Winds of 74-95 mph will damage shrubbery & flood coastal areas. Includes local evacuations.

### CATEGORY 2

Winds of 96-110 mph will do all of the above and considerable damage to housing. Includes limited evacuations.

### CATEGORY 3

Winds of 111-130 mph will do all of the above & damage buildings. Includes major evacuations.

### CATEGORY 4

Winds of 131-155 mph will do all of the above and include major evacuations.

### CATEGORY 5

Winds greater than 155 mph will do all of the above including mass evacuations.

## HURRICANE READINESS IN NASSAU COUNTY

In Nassau County, we are making concerted efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of you and your family in many different ways. As part of this effort, I am pleased to provide Nassau residents with this brochure on how you and your loved ones can prepare for hurricanes and each resident become educated on how to be prepared in the event a hurricane strikes. This guide will help get you started.

As Long Islanders, many of us may not feel threatened by hurricanes. After all, we survived Gloria, Floyd and others. However, given our location, Nassau County is very susceptible to the powerful and destructive nature of hurricanes. Long Island has been threatened by, and at times hit with, hurricanes. And while it is estimated that 80-90% of people living in hurricane prone areas think they have experienced the worst of a major hurricane, it is most likely they have not. It is important for residents to understand what a hurricane is, how hurricanes can affect our lives, and ways to better prepare in the event one strikes our area.

Nassau County has installed an Emergency Notification System that will enable the County to call the home phones of residents in an affected area within a very short time. We will be able to call any land line telephone within a given area and send a recorded message with evacuation instructions. The system will be able to make 3,000 phone calls per minute. Working in conjunction with the State's NY ALERT program, Nassau County also has the ability to get the same message to all cell phones in the same area. It is important that if you have caller ID and see a call from "Nassau County" that you answer the call to get timely information.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Mangano  
Nassau County Executive



Nassau County continues to prepare in the event we need to respond to a disaster. Our Office of Emergency Management has been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to warehouse supplies and have positioned 21 mobile trailers stocked with shelter supplies that can be brought to a Red Cross shelter when needed.

It's important to know that the Red Cross will open the shelters based on volunteers and when all essential supplies are in place. For this reason, you may be instructed to go to a shelter in another community. It is important that you listen to the media and follow instructions so you do not go to a shelter that has not been opened.

# Hurricane Shelters

## **BE PREPARED, NOT SCARED**

Although we cannot prevent hurricanes, we can certainly prepare for them. If you are prepared with food (*items that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water*) and water (*1 gal. of water per person per day for at least 5 days*), an emergency can be an inconvenience instead of a disaster. Everyone has a personal responsibility to be prepared. Creating an emergency plan ahead of time for you and your family will help you stay organized if a hurricane strikes.

Your emergency plan should include a communication system, disaster supply kit, and an alternate meeting place if your home is unsafe. Depending on the severity of the hurricane, you may need to evacuate where you live. When instructions are given to evacuate, you will be directed to a temporary, emergency refuge that will provide a safe haven for the duration of the storm. However, it is recommended that you seek refuge with a friend or family member located away from the affected area. You'll be more comfortable on a friend's couch than on a cot in a shelter.

*Join the Community Emergency Response Team for complete preparedness training for you and your family. Contact CERT at 516-573-9696.*

## **Hurricane Shelter Locations**

*NOT IN THE ORDER THEY WILL OPEN*

- ✓ CW Post College
- ✓ Farmingdale H.S.
- ✓ Farmingdale Weldon Howitt Mid.S.
- ✓ Floral Park Sewanhaka H.S.
- ✓ Garden City H.S.
- ✓ Glen Cove H.S.
- ✓ Glen Head N. Shore Sr. H.S.
- ✓ Great Neck John Miller H.S.
- ✓ Great Neck South H.S.
- ✓ Hicksville H.S.
- ✓ Levittown Division Ave H.S.
- ✓ Levittown Memorial H.S.
- ✓ Locust Valley H.S.
- ✓ Manhasset H.S.
- ✓ Massapequa McKenna Elementary
- ✓ Mineola H.S.
- ✓ Nassau Community College
- ✓ New Hyde Park H.S.
- ✓ Plainview JFK H.S.
- ✓ Plainview Old Bethpage Mid.S.
- ✓ Port Washington P. Schreiber H.S.
- ✓ SUNY Old Westbury
- ✓ SUNY Farmingdale
- ✓ Wantagh H.S.
- ✓ Westbury H.S.

# Emergency Go-Kits

Each person should have a Go-Kit in the event of a hurricane **WATCH** or **WARNING**, put these items into a smaller, portable Go-Kit — **such as a hands-free backpack or duffel bag — or a container** in case you need to evacuate. Keep it by your front door or an exit in case of an emergency evacuation. Create your own disaster preparedness kits - **one for home and one to go as a “Go Bag”** in case you need to evacuate - with enough supplies for everyone in your household for five (5) days.

## Family Go-Kit should include:

- First aid kit. Pack a “**how to**” guide as well.
- Essential prescription and nonprescription items and medical information.
- Battery-powered flashlight and radio (*or crank radio*), extra batteries and a 12-hour glow stick.
- A change of clothes, plus rainwear, sturdy shoes and protective gloves for everyone.
- Personal items, ie: eyeglasses.
- Important documents in a waterproof container:  
Drivers’ licenses : Wills : Birth/Marriage certificates : Insurance policies : Deed or Lease : Recent tax returns : Credit card and bank account numbers : Social Security cards : Passport : Home inventory list
- Special items for infants, elderly, pets or loved ones with special needs

## Pet Go-Kit should include:

- Your pets’ names, address and phone number
- Your name, address, phone and cell number
- Emergency contact - friend or family
- Your veterinarian’s name and contact info
- Important Documents  
Medical records : Medications : Specific Care instructions : Behavioral problems
- First aid kit / medications
- Current photos
- Sturdy leash, collar or harness, muzzles
- Paper towels for clean-up
- Food & Bottled Water (3 days supply)
- Manual can opener & Bowls
- Water purification tablets
- Toys and other comfort items
- Treats, brushes, combs
- Newspapers and plastic trash bags for handling waste

**For more information,**  
visit the Nassau County Red Cross website:  
[www.nassauredcross.org](http://www.nassauredcross.org)

**Family and Pet Emergency Preparedness website:** [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)



Nassau County Office of Emergency Management  
James J. Callahan, Commissioner  
Public Safety/Homeland Security Center  
510 Grumman Road West  
Bethpage, New York 11714  
573-0636

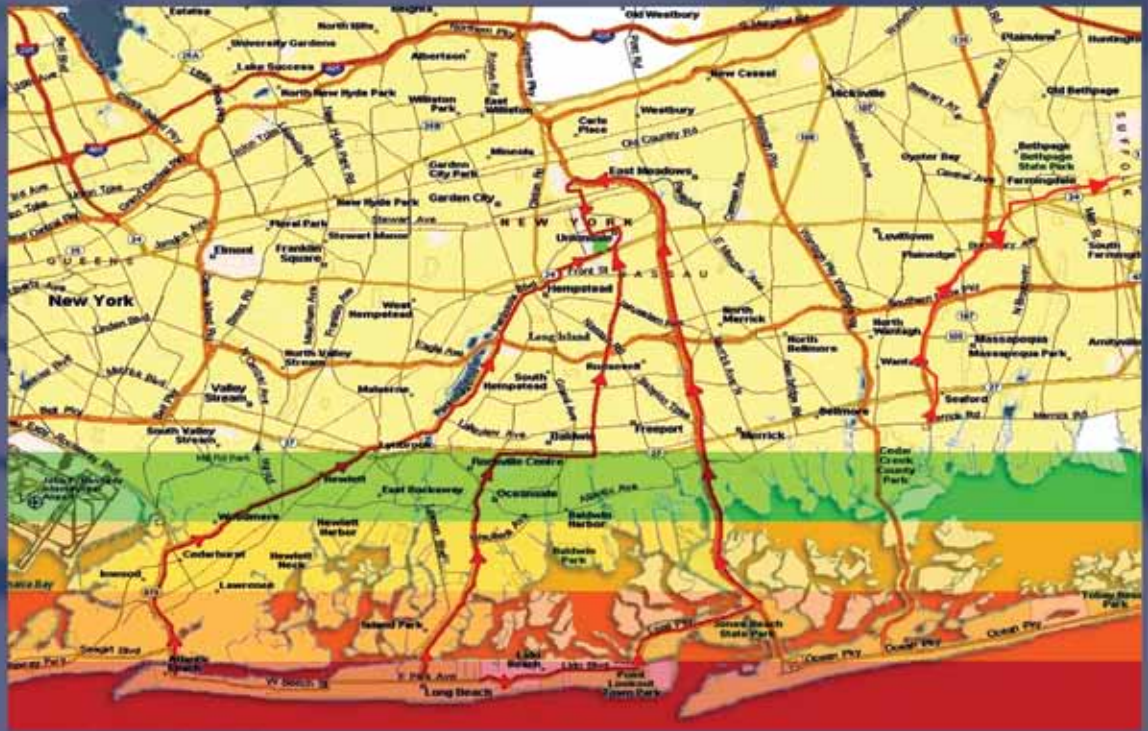
### \*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*\*

## Residential Customer

This informational newsletter is provided by the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management and the Office of Constituent Affairs

**Please visit [www.nassaucountyny.gov](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov) to view FEMA's new flood maps**

# KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONES & ROUTES



### ROUTE - 1

1. Northbound on Nassau Expressway (Rt. 878)
2. Turn right onto Burnside Avenue.
3. Turn left onto Rockaway Turnpike.
4. Turn right onto Peninsula Blvd.
5. Remain on Peninsula Blvd. until it becomes Fulton Avenue which will become Hempstead Turnpike
6. Continue eastbound to Earl Ovington Blvd. and make a left.
7. Proceed northbound on Earl Ovington Blvd. into the Nassau Community College American Red Cross Evacuation Center.

### ROUTE - 2

1. Starting at Long Beach Bridge:
2. Northbound via Austin Blvd. into Long Beach Rd.
3. Northbound on Long Beach Rd. to Sunrise Hwy.
4. Right onto Sunrise Highway and proceed eastbound to Grand Ave., Baldwin
5. Left turn going northbound on Grand Ave.
6. Turn into Henry St. Right turn on Peninsula Blvd.
7. Remain on Peninsula Blvd. until Fulton Ave.
8. Continue eastbound on Fulton Ave., which will become Hempstead Turnpike
9. Northbound on Earl Ovington Blvd. into Nassau Community College American RedCross Evacuation Center

### ROUTE - 3

1. Starting at Lido Blvd:
2. Eastbound on Lido Blvd. to the Loop Parkway and make a left
3. Proceed northbound to the Meadowbrook Parkway
4. Continue northbound on Meadowbrook Parkway exiting at Exit-M2 Charles Lindberg Blvd.
5. Which will lead into the Nassau Community College American Red Cross Evacuation Center

### ROUTE - 4

1. Starting on Merrick Road:
2. Northbound on Seaford Oyster By Expressway (Rt. 135) to Hempstead Tpke (Rt. 24) East
3. Hempstead Tpke becomes Conklin Street
4. Make left on Clinton Street
5. Clinton Street becomes Melville Road
6. Continue to the SUNY Farmingdale American Red Cross Evacuation Center