



# Senator Skelos' 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 List, 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 Long Island..... 516-747-3500
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) .....1-800-621-FEMA
- PSEG (to report downed power lines).....1-800-490-0075
- Nassau County Office of Emergency Management ..... 516-573-0636
- 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)

## 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

## 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** or visit their website at **[www.petsafecoalition.org](http://www.petsafecoalition.org)**