

# plan for your pet's safety

For those of you with pets, extra preparation will be necessary to ensure the safety of these beloved members of your family. Follow these simple instructions in order to protect your pets in the event of an emergency.

- Make sure pets are current with vaccinations and bring any medication with you
- Have a current photo on hand
- Keep collar with ID on pet and have leash on hand
- Have a properly sized pet carrier for each and bring a muzzle, collar and leash
- Animals brought to a shelter must have supplies with them

## Bring your pet inside well before the storm



\* The information in this guide can help you prepare for other disasters as well, so be sure to stay prepared all year long

### Emergency Contact Information

Nassau County Office of  
Emergency Management ..... (516) 573-0636  
Nassau County Main Phone Number.... (516) 571-3000  
Nassau County American Red Cross ... (516) 747-3500  
Nassau County Police Headquarters ... (516) 573-7000

# family disaster plan

Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Locate a safe room or the safest area in your home for each disaster. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home, but within your community. Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be at a safe distance, but not too far from home. Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your members have a single point of contact. Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.

## DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST

- Water:** at least 2 gallons/person for 3-7 days
- Canned Food:** *(at least enough for 3-7 days)*
- Blankets/Pillows**
- Clothing:** *seasonal/rain gear/sturdy shoes*
- First Aid Kit/Prescription Drugs:**  
*Special Items (for babies and the elderly)*
- Flashlight/Batteries**
- Radio** *(battery operated)*
- Cash** *(with some small bills)*
- Keys**
- Toys, books and games**
- Tools**
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled**
- Important documents** including: bank numbers, insurance and medical info, records & social security cards *(all kept in a water/fireproof container)*
- Non-perishable packaged or canned juice**
- Food for infants or the elderly**
- Snacks**
- Non-electric can opener**
- Cooking tools/fuel**
- Paper plates/plastic utensils**



### Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt



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Friends,

Long Island is a wonderful place to live. We have amazing beaches, beautiful coastlines and a great climate. However, when living on, or near the ocean, we need to make sure that we prepare for the possibility of a hurricane.

Enclosed in this pamphlet is basic information on hurricanes, what to do if one strikes and the supplies you should have on hand.

I hope that this information is helpful in the event a hurricane hits Long Island. Taking simple precautions can protect you and your family from harm.



Sincerely,

Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt

In case of any state or federal emergency, you may find up-to-date information on my Facebook. Follow me at [www.facebook.com/AssemblymanTomMcKeivitt](http://www.facebook.com/AssemblymanTomMcKeivitt)

## Contact Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt

If you have any questions on this or any other state matters.  
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Garden City, NY 11530 • 516-739-5119

## basic hurricane information

In an average three-year period, about five hurricanes strike the US coastline. Hurricane Katrina demonstrated the devastation that these storms can cause. Hurricanes present a threat to our homes and lives in a number of ways, including:

### Flooding

In the 70's, 80's and 90's, inland flooding was responsible for more than half of the deaths associated with tropical cyclones in the US. 23% of US tropical cyclone deaths occur when people become stranded in their vehicle.

**Most insurance policies do not offer flood insurance. Call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-888-Call Flood, ext. 445**

### Storm Surge

Storm surge is the water pushed toward the shore by the winds swirling around the storm. Wave and current action cause extensive damage to coastal buildings. Surge can bring in salt water, which can endanger public health.

A number of large hurricanes have made landfall on Long Island, with the most notable being:

### The Hurricane of 1938

The "Long Island Express" was first detected over the tropical Atlantic on September 13<sup>th</sup>, although it may have formed a few days earlier. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the hurricane accelerated to a forward motion of 60 to 70 mph, making landfall over Long Island that afternoon as a Category 3 hurricane. Gusts to 183 mph were measured and storm surges of 10 to 12 feet inundated portions of the coast from Long Island and Connecticut eastward to southeastern Massachusetts, with the most notable surges in Narragansett Bay and Buzzards Bay. Heavy rains before and during the hurricane produced heavy flooding, causing extensive damage. The hurricane struck with little warning and was responsible for 600 deaths and \$308 million in damage in the United States.

## WATCH vs. WARNING

In order to prepare and understand what you see and hear on the news, you should understand the difference between a "hurricane watch" and a "hurricane warning":

### WATCH

vs.

### WARNING

- At least 74 mph winds
- May strike within 36 hours
- Hurricane conditions possible
- Hurricane conditions likely within 24 hours
- Trigger your disaster plan immediately
- Should be taking corrective action

## securing your home

In order to minimize damage to your home and possessions, you must reinforce 5 crucial areas of your house. The **roof, window straps, shutters, doors and garage doors must be reinforced**. Flood insurance is generally not covered by homeowners insurance. For protection, call the National Flood Insurance Program at (888) Call Flood (1-888-225-5356) ext. 445. Many insurance providers are pulling out of, or limiting the amount of policies they offer on Long Island. Be sure to contact your insurance company and find out where they stand on the issue. If you have any problems with your insurance company, and need assistance, feel free to call the

**New York Insurance Hotline at  
1-800-342-3736**

## finding a place to stay

When preparing for a possible disaster, finding a safe place to stay is imperative. To find the best place, keep the following in mind

- Choose a place close to your home but far away from harm.
- Prepare for delays and traffic (LEAVE EARLY).
- If possible, choose a friend or relative near you who will not need to evacuate.
- If you're going to a hotel, make reservations before you leave.
- As a last resort, go to a shelter, but keep in mind that most do not accept pets.
- Fill your gas tank before you leave.