DESTRUCTION FROM HURRICANES

The level and intensity of hurricanes are categorized by maximum sustained winds only and does not address potential for other hurricane-related impacts, such as storm surge, rainfall-induced floods, and tornadoes. Hurricanes are categorized by the Saffir-Simpson scale as follows:

**CATEGORY 1**
Winds of 74-95 mph - Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. Includes local evacuations.

**CATEGORY 2**
Winds of 96-110 mph will do all of the damage above and near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.

**CATEGORY 3**
Winds of 111-129 mph will do all of the damage above and near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.

**CATEGORY 4**
Winds of 130-156 mph, catastrophic damage will occur. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

**CATEGORY 5**
157 mph or higher – catastrophic damage will occur same as the above with increased severity.

HURRICANE READINESS IN NASSAU COUNTY

Dear Neighbors,

Hurricane Sandy was the worst natural disaster to hit Long Island in 75 years. Not since the Hurricane of 1938 has our region endured such widespread devastation from a weather event. Ninety percent of Long Islanders lost electricity. Many residents went weeks with no power. Many were left homeless. At the height of the fuel crisis, fuel was difficult to obtain and lives were uprooted. Life in Nassau County was forever changed for thousands residing in coastal communities.

While we cannot prevent hurricanes and nor’easters from impacting our county, we can prepare for them! We learned a lesson from Hurricane Irene in 2011 and were positioned to react when Hurricane Sandy hit. Our Office of Emergency Management networked with federal, state and local agencies and with our Police to meet the crisis head-on. Residents in soon-to-be-affected areas were told to evacuate before the storm came ashore. Our preparedness prevented any greater loss of life and property.

June 1st marks the official start of hurricane season. I ask that all residents begin now to take steps to prepare for any tropical storm that might strike Nassau County this season. This brochure provides you with basic information on how best to safeguard your home and family from any weather-related disaster. Please become familiar with these vital steps that can save lives and property.

I encourage you to view the five-minute video on hurricane preparedness available at www.nassaucounty.ny.gov/oem

Join me in making preparations for the next storm. Let’s be ready. Let’s stay safe.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Mangano
Nassau County Executive

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Hurricane Sandy Preparations

Contact CERT at 516-573-9696.

complete preparedness training for you and your family.

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A change of clothes, plus rainwear, sturdy shoes and

protective gloves for everyone.

Personal items, ie. eyeglasses, cash in small bills.

Important documents in a waterproof container:

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- Special items for infants, elderly, pets or loved ones with special needs

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Enact County Executive Mangano’s Family & Friends Sheltering Plan

County Executive Ed Mangano recommends you plan ahead, as a Family and Friends Sheltering Plan provides the most comfortable way to weather a storm that threatens your home. A Family & Friends Sheltering Plan is recommended for anyone who resides south of Sunrise Highway or north of Route 25A.

You should contact a friend or family member that lives outside the zone & make arrangements.

Name:
Address:
Phone:

Take your most reliable vehicle and avoid

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In Crisis? Call L.I. Crisis Center - 24/7 Hotline:
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www.Ready.gov

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In the event of a hurricane, you may be asked to evacuate your home. If you are advised to evacuate, here’s what to do:

 calloc Emergency Go-Kit.

Learn how to assemble this kit at www.nassaucountyny.gov/oem.

Turn off all utilities.

Stick to evacuation routes. View these routes at www.nassaucountyny.gov/oem.

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. Kits should sustain you and your family for up to five (5) days.

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