



HURRICANE



PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR JUDI BOSWORTH



It's hurricane season and we all need to be vigilant of dangerous weather that may hit our area. We were all witnesses to the damage and devastation that Superstorm Sandy did to Long Island. As climate patterns change, we need to be more prepared than ever for hurricanes and tropical storms. This Hurricane Preparedness Guide will help remind you of some important, life-saving tips in preparing for, and recovering from a severe weather event. This guide will also educate you about North Hempstead Alert, so that you can receive the latest news during an emergency. We want you and your loved ones to be safe. We are all neighbors in North Hempstead and need to look out for each other.

Judi Bosworth

5 STEPS TOWARD A GOOD HURRICANE PLAN:

BE STORM SMART

Know the difference between a tropical storm and a hurricane. When a storm's winds become greater than 39 mph, it is considered a tropical storm. If that storm continues to grow and reaches wind speeds over 74 mph, it then becomes a hurricane.

KNOW YOUR PACKING ESSENTIALS

It's a good idea to have a list prepared with the most important items you'll need, such as: prescription medication, an I.D. card, credit card, and your passport.



ASSEMBLE A HURRICANE KIT

Put together a hurricane kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, and other essential items if you need to evacuate. Please see the back of this guide for a list of more suggestions.

SIGN UP FOR NH ALERT

In the event of a hurricane, The North Hempstead Alert Emergency Notification System can rapidly deliver a recorded notification via telephone, email or text message to residents. Please see the other side to learn how to sign up for NH Alert!

KNOW WHERE TO GO

If you are ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where you can stay.



HURRICANE SHELTERS

Hurricane shelter locations will open at the discretion of the Office of Emergency Management. For a complete listing of our Town's shelters, please check local news outlets, including the Town's website, at the time of the storm.



SEE BACK FOR MORE INFORMATION



TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD SUPERVISOR JUDI BOSWORTH'S HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

HURRICANE KIT CHECKLIST

FAMILY HURRICANE KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Water (one gallon per person per day).
- First aid kit.
- Cell phone and charging accessories.
- 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, i.e.: eyeglasses, toiletries, cash in small bills.
- Important documents in a waterproof container (drivers' licenses, wills, birth and/or marriage certificates, insurance policies, deed or lease, recent tax returns, credit card and bank account numbers, social security cards, passport, home inventory list, etc).
- Special items for infants, elderly, pets, or loved ones with special needs.

PET HURRICANE KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Your pets name.
- Your name, address, and phone numbers.
- Emergency contact - friend or family.
- Your veterinarian's name and contact info.
- Medical records, list of any specific care instructions or behavioral problems.
- First aid kit and medications.
- Sturdy leash collar or harness, muzzles.
- Paper towels or trash bags for clean-up.
- Food & bottled water (3 days supply), along with manual can opener and bowls.
- Toys and other comfort items.
- Treats, brushes, and combs.



STORM SAFETY TIP:

STAY AWAY FROM FALLEN POWER LINES!

Downed power lines are dangerous! Never touch them. For safety's sake, always assume that a fallen power line is live and call 911 immediately to report it.

The **NORTH HEMPSTEAD ALERT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM** uses Swift 911 to provide the Town with a mechanism to rapidly deliver a recorded notification via telephone, email or text message to targeted homes and businesses in the event that an emergency like a hurricane takes place within the Town's jurisdiction.

Please sign up for North Hempstead Alert today by going to www.NorthHempsteadNY.gov/NHAlert.



Supervisor
Judi
Bosworth



Councilwoman,
Dist. 1
Viviana L.
Russell



Councilman,
Dist. 2
Peter J.
Zuckerman



Councilman,
Dist. 3
Angelo P.
Ferrara



Councilwoman,
Dist. 4
Anna M.
Kaplan



Councilwoman,
Dist. 5
Lee R.
Seeman



Councilwoman,
Dist. 6
Dina M.
De Giorgio



Town Clerk
Wayne H.
Wink, Jr.



Receiver of
Taxes
Charles
Berman