

# City of Long Beach, NY



## Hurricane Preparedness Guide

Summer 2020

Stronger, Smarter, Safer

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### A Message from the City of Long Beach...



The City of Long Beach is committed to keeping our citizens informed, prepared, and protected. We are especially concerned about emergency preparedness during this pandemic. Residents will have to adhere to COVID-19 protocols in shelters. This guide will provide you with information and simple procedures that will make you and your family ready in the event of a storm emergency. Together, we can all do our part to prepare and make our community stronger, smarter, and safer.

The best time to make plans to protect yourself and your family is now. Whether the threat is from a hurricane or other danger, a few simple steps can make the difference. There are many precautions that we can take in order to protect our property and ourselves. One of the most important things we can do when a hurricane threatens to strike Long Beach is to listen to officials when they call for an evacuation. Before a hurricane strikes, the best time to leave the island of Long Beach is 16 to 18 hours before the storm hits. You should not wait until you feel the winds gusting and see the sky darkening. The three bridges connecting our island to the rest of Long Island will be flooded before Long Beach experiences major flooding. Traffic will be backed up with thousands of cars. If the call to evacuate comes, heed it - immediately. 

### HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE LONG BEACH COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM?

The City of Long Beach Mass Notification Program keeps residents informed with quick and reliable emergency notifications and public service announcements via robo call, text and email. If you have not done so already, please sign up for alerts by visiting [longbeachny.gov/lbready](http://longbeachny.gov/lbready) or call 431-1000 ext. 7414.

### Stay Informed

#### RESOURCES

FEMA Emergency Preparedness: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

American Red Cross: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

NOAA National Weather Service: [www.weather.gov/safety.php](http://www.weather.gov/safety.php)

National Flood Insurance Program: [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)

#### WHERE TO CALL

LB Police EMERGENCY 911

LB Fire Dept. EMERGENCY 516-889-7800

PSEG--- Electric 800-490-0075

National Grid---Gas 800-930-0045

#### WHERE TO GET UPDATES

City of Long Beach website: [www.longbeachny.gov](http://www.longbeachny.gov)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/longbeachnewyork](https://www.facebook.com/longbeachnewyork)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/longbeach11561](https://www.twitter.com/longbeach11561)

Notification Program: [www.longbeachny.gov/lbready](http://www.longbeachny.gov/lbready)

### 2020 ATLANTIC HURRICANE NAMES

Arthur	Laura
Bertha	Marco
Cristobal	Nana
Dolly	Omar
Edouard	Paulette
Fay	Rene
Gonzalo	Sally
Hanna	Teddy
Isaias	Vicky
Josephine	Wilfred
Kyle	



# BE STORM SMART

## Know The Warnings!

The National Weather Service issues hurricane advisories, watches & warnings: know what they mean.

If a **Hurricane Advisory** is issued, continue to follow weather updates.

If a **Hurricane Watch** is issued, hurricane conditions are a real possibility and there is a threat of landfall within 48 hours. Follow these steps:

- Assemble a hurricane supply kit if you haven't already done so. (See back page)
- Listen to local radio, TV stations and social media for up-to-date storm information.
- Learn safe evacuation routes inland and the location of official shelters. (see facing page)
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Bring lawn furniture, outdoor decorations, trash cans, hanging plants and anything that the wind can pick up inside.

If a **Hurricane Warning** is issued, there is a threat of landfall within less than 24 hours. Follow these steps:

- Listen to the advice of local officials, it is imperative that you leave if they tell you to do so.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors and away from windows.
- Know that the calm "eye" of the storm is deceptive. The storm is not over.

## Plan Ahead

- ✓ Plan your evacuation routes (see back page).
- ✓ Learn location of official Red Cross shelter (Nassau Community College).
- ✓ Purchase or maintain emergency equipment, such as flashlights, generators, radios, and cell phones.
- ✓ Plan an alternative location for your boat.
- ✓ Buy plywood or other material to protect your home.
- ✓ Fill sandbags with designated sand; do not fill from beach.
- ✓ Create a Family Emergency Plan (see page 3).
- ✓ Make a Hurricane Emergency "Go" Kit (see back page).
- ✓ Review your insurance policy.
- ✓ Find pet-friendly locations along the evacuation route (see "Plans for Pets," page 3).
- ✓ Make sure your car has a full tank of gas
- ✓ Follow instructions issued by local officials.
- ✓ Be prepared to leave immediately if ordered!
- ✓ Notify neighbors and family members of your evacuation plans.



## TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW

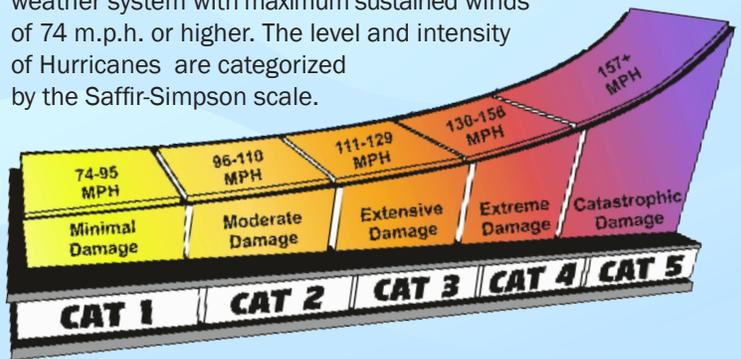
ADVISORY vs. WATCH vs. WARNING  
Do you know the Difference?



- ADVISORY**  
Heads Up! Authorities are monitoring an active system. Follow updates in case conditions change.
- WATCH**  
Tropical storm or hurricane conditions may affect the area within 48 hours. Prepare for possible impact.
- WARNING**  
Tropical storm or hurricane conditions are imminent in our area with in 36 hours. Prepare for likely impact.

## Hurricane Category Chart

A Hurricane is a type of tropical cyclone or an intense tropical weather system with maximum sustained winds of 74 m.p.h. or higher. The level and intensity of Hurricanes are categorized by the Saffir-Simpson scale.



## Preparing Your Home



- ✓ Turn refrigerator to its coldest setting & keep the doors closed.
- ✓ Shut off gas valves on appliances.
- ✓ Avoid using the phone except for emergencies (allowing for information and updates to go through).
- ✓ Secure windows with plywood or with tape to prevent the danger of flying glass due to wind or debris.
- ✓ Be sure emergency supplies are available and working (e.g., fresh batteries, generators).
- ✓ Move your car to higher ground; DO NOT leave your car in the street.
- ✓ Unplug appliances and electronics even if you have a surge protector.
- and shut your breakers off if instructed to do so.
- ✓ Secure outdoor objects such as garbage cans, garden tools, and lawn/patio furniture.

- ✓ Install a gate valve or check valve on your sewer line to keep sewage from backing up into your home.
- ✓ If in a high-rise building, be prepared to take shelter on lower floors (hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations).

**NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS THE PRE-DESIGNATED RED CROSS SHELTER FOR ALL LONG BEACH RESIDENTS.**

**THERE ARE NO RED CROSS SHELTERS IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH: THE RED CROSS DOES NOT OPEN SHELTERS IN FLOOD-PRONE AREAS, AND LONG BEACH IS A CATEGORY 1 EVACUATION ZONE**

# TAKE STEPS - BE LONG BEACH READY

[www.longbeachny.gov/lbready](http://www.longbeachny.gov/lbready)

## Create A Family Emergency Plan

- Choose a location away from the path of the storm or an official shelter to stay in the case of an evacuation. Keep emergency phone numbers programmed into your cell phone and keep a back up copy with you in a waterproof sheet.
- Ensure safety features in your house, such as smoke alarms, are functioning properly.
- Make sure you & your family know how to turn off water, gas, and electricity in your home.
- Teach children how and when to call 911.
- Keep enough supplies, especially food and water, in your home for at least three days.
- Assemble an emergency supplies kit and store in easy-to-carry containers (see Emergency "Grab & Go" Checklist").
- Keep copies of important documents in waterproof containers.
- Keep a smaller emergency supplies kit in your car.



## Planning For Those With Access & Functional Needs

- If you have special needs, please be certain to register with the Long Beach Fire Department by calling 516-431-2434.
- You can also get a copy of "Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities" from the American Red Cross by visiting [www.redcross.org/prepare](http://www.redcross.org/prepare).

## Planning For Pets

- With the exception of guide dogs and other certified companion animals, you cannot bring any animals into a public shelter or on public transportation.
- Contact hotels and motels outside your local area to check their policies on accepting pets.
- Ask friends, relatives or others outside the affected area if they can shelter your animals.
- Make sure you have a collar with I.D. for your pet.
- Be sure to bring water, food and other pet necessities.
- Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to learn about the PetSafe Program.

## During The Storm

- Stay indoors and away from windows.
- Close all interior doors.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed; any lull in the wind and rain could be the eye of the storm.
- Use battery-powered flashlights, NOT candles.
- Listen to local officials and police officers.



## After a Storm



- ✓ Return home ONLY when emergency officials tell you it is safe.
- ✓ If the power is out, use flashlights, not candles.
- ✓ Limit opening the refrigerator or freezer – an unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold enough for at least a couple of hours; a freezer that is half full will stay cold up to 24 hours. When you do open the refrigerator, when in doubt, throw it out.
- ✓ Empty out sandbags at City-designated location and keep the empty bags on hand– they can be reused.
- ✓ ONLY enter an area or building after it has been declared safe.
- ✓ DO NOT attempt to cross barricaded or flooded roads.
- ✓ Stay on firm, dry ground (standing water may be electrically charged from power lines).
- ✓ DO NOT drink or prepare food with tap water until officials say it is safe to do so.
- ✓ Keep away from loose power lines and report them immediately to the power company.

- ✓ Check your house for loose power lines, gas leaks, and structural damage.
- ✓ Take pictures of any damage on your property for insurance purposes.
- ✓ NEVER use a generator indoors: deadly levels of carbon monoxide can build up quickly.
- ✓ If your car was flooded, DO NOT try to start your car; this can cause a fire.

**IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE, DO SO IMMEDIATELY!**

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- Photo ID and proof of address
- Insurance policies
- Health insurance ID
- Bank and credit card ID
- Emergency contact information
- One week of non-perishable food
- Bottled water—3 gallons per person
- Manual can opener
- Flash light with extra batteries
- Crank or battery-powered radio
- Multi purpose tool (Swiss army knife, etc.)
- Pet supplies
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Blankets and pillows
- Extra clothing, shoes
- Emergency cash (in case ATMs are down)
- Camera (for photos of damage)
- Cell phone and charger
- Eyeglasses, hearing aid, wheelchair, walker
- Baby supplies
- Medical alert bracelet
- Medicine supply with dosage information
- Deck of cards, books, other distractions
- Rain gear
- Notebook and Pen

## EVACUATION ROUTES: GETTING OUT SAFELY KNOWING WHICH WAY TO GO



### Staging Areas

Staging areas will be set for residents to wait for public transportation to the designated Shelter.

- West School, Maryland Avenue
- East School, Neptune Boulevard
- City Hall, 1 West Chester Street

### Western Long Beach

Nevada Ave. to Lindell Blvd.

**By Car:** Take West Beech Street to the Atlantic Beach Bridge to the Nassau Expressway.

**Public Transportation:** City Buses will leave from West School and will take you to the Nassau Community College Shelter.

### Central Long Beach

Lindell Blvd. to Long Beach Blvd.

**By Car:** Take Park Avenue to Long Beach Blvd. to travel to points north of Sunrise Highway.

**Public Transportation:** City Buses will leave from City Hall to take you to the Nassau Community College Shelter.

### Eastern Long Beach

Long Beach Blvd. to Maple Blvd.

**By Car:** Travel East on Park Avenue/ Lido Blvd. to Loop Parkway to designated spots north of Sunrise Highway.

**Public Transportation:** City buses will be at East School to take you to the Nassau Community College Shelter.

