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City of Long Beach Official Community Update

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HURRICANE INFORMATION

www.longbeachny.org

Long Beach Emergency Preparedness & Evacuation Guide

Hurricane season begins during the summer months and continues through November. As a barrier island, Long Beach serves as the first defense in protecting the south shore against the wrath of severe storms. With that said, please read through this guide for information on how you can protect yourself and your family in the event of a hurricane.



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SWIFT911™ Notification

SWIFT911™ is an emergency phone call system installed by the City that transmits warnings and information to every home and business in the event of impending hurricanes and emergencies. By registering with the City of Long Beach, you will be alerted to hurricane information or given instructions to evacuate. To sign up for alerts, please visit longbeachny.org and click the link on the right side of our homepage, or simply contact us at 431-1000 extension 7105 so we can add you to our database.

Hurricane Watches & Warnings

If the National Weather Service issues a Hurricane *Watch*, hurricane conditions are a legitimate possibility and the threat of landfall can be within 24-36 hours. Follow these steps:

- Assemble a hurricane supply kit
- Listen to radio or TV stations for storm information
- Learn safe evacuation routes inland and shelter locations
- Fill your car with gas
- Bring anything inside that the wind can pick up

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

- Listen to the advice of local officials
- 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 may not be over

Hurricane Planning

- Discuss where your family will meet in an evacuation
- Have an out-of-state contact for family if you are separated
- Keep emergency phone numbers stored in your phone
- Be sure your flood insurance is up-to-date
- Make arrangements for your pets now

Home Preparation

- Safely disable all electricity in the home
- Shut off gas valves on appliances
- Secure windows with plywood or at least with tape to prevent the danger of flying glass due to wind or debris
- Bring in or tie down outdoor furnishings and decorations
- Have working emergency supplies (e.g., fresh batteries)

After the Storm

- Keep listening to local radio or TV stations or instructions
- Return home when emergency officials tell you it is safe
- If the power is out and it's dark, 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

Notification

- Fire and Police will travel through the city to notify residents via loudspeakers
- Visit www.longbeachny.org or call the Storm Hotline at 516-431-1000, press option 1
- SWIFT 911™ alert system will be activated

Staging Areas

The City of Long Beach will set up staging areas 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**



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFO

Emergency related announcements can be found on:
Television: Cablevision News12
Radio: WHLI 1100AM, & WBAB 102.3FM

For more information on FEMA Flood Maps, please visit fema.gov, floodsmart.gov, or longbeachny.org

STORM HOTLINE: 431-1000 PRESS 1

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| LB Police EMERGENCY | 911 |
| LB Fire Dept. EMERGENCY | 516-889-7800 |
| LB Police Dept. (main #) | 516-431-1800 |
| LB Fire Dept. (main #) | 516-431-2434 |
| LIPA—Electric | 800-490-0075 |
| Keyspan—Gas | 800-490-0045 |

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Hurricane Season

Emergency Kit Checklist

You should have a kit with “**Grab and Go**” items you may need for fast evacuation. If you must evacuate, take only necessities from this list. If planning on staying in a Public Shelter, please also bring blankets or sleeping bags. An inexpensive storage tub will keep everything relatively protected from water damage.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Photo ID and proof of address | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance policies | <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets and pillows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes, shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank and credit card ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency cash in case ATMs are down |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One week of non-perishable food | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone with spare battery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water—a gallon a day per person | <input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses, hearing aid, wheelchair, walker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual can opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash light with extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical alert bracelet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio with extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine supply with dosage information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic trash bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck of cards, books, other distractions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> String, duct tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family photos | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof matches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook and Pen |

Shelters

Nassau Community College (Meadowbrook Pkwy. Exit M3) has been identified as the pre-designated Red Cross Shelter. **There is NO Red Cross Shelter in the City of Long Beach.**

Preparedness for Seniors & People with Special Needs

If you have special needs, please be certain to register with the Long Beach Fire Department by calling 516-431-2434.

It is especially important for you to create a “grab-and-go” evacuation kit with the essentials you’ll need for a shelter setting. Be certain to bring medications, insurance and medical papers, warranties for medical equipment, contact information for doctors and therapists, and other information you might need on a daily basis.

You can also get a copy of “Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities” from the American Red Cross by visiting www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/disability.pdf

Plans 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. If you bring your service animal with you, be sure to bring water, food and other pet necessities. Call the American Red Cross at (516) 747-3500 to learn about the PetSafe Program.

Be a Good Neighbor

Whether there is a hurricane-related evacuation or a power outage that lasts for several hours or days — be a good neighbor and check in on those who are disabled or have a medical condition.

Evacuation Routes

Western Long Beach

Lindell Boulevard to Nevada Avenue

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 Boulevard to Long Beach Boulevard

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 Boulevard to Maple Boulevard

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.