

Peace and Blessings MOD Team;

We at the Ministry of Defense hope this email find you in the best of health and spirits.

If you know of any one who lives in this area please send it out to them as well as forwarding it to everyone you know. More up dates will be forth coming as we get them. BE SAFE AND GET PREPARED.

## **Essential Things to Do When a Hurricane Threatens Brooklyn New York**

Hurricane Irene could have an extreme impact on the greater metropolitan area, with flooding and high winds expected. Some people may need to leave their homes on short notice. Find out whether your Brooklyn neighborhood is in a NYC hurricane evacuation zone, what to put in a Go Bag, and more potentially life-saving information.

### **1. Know if You Are in an Evacuation Zone**

The NYC Office of Emergency Management has an easy-to-use evacuation zone should a hurricane arrive in New York City and Brooklyn. Just plug in your street and zip code, and you can find out if you're going to be in an unsafe zone.

### **2. 21 Precautions to Take When A Hurricane or Big Storm is Headed Your Way**

Here is a [checklist of 21 precautions](#) to take when high winds, a hurricane, flooding and other disasters are predicted to strike.

### **3. 8 Things to Put in Your "Go" Bag — Even if You Don't Think You Need One**

Mama nature's wild. So be ready to run if something happens: a flood, an explosion, whatever. Here's what should be in your "Go Bag," according to the NYC Office of Emergency Preparedness:

- water
- food
- first aid
- medications
- care and house keys
- essential documents (drivers license, passports)
- money
- essential phone numbers

### **4. Take Care of Your Elderly, Frail Neighbors & Relatives**

It goes without saying, but NYC has a lot of elderly and frail residents. Do you know someone who might be at risk during a huge storm? Check in and help them stock up on food and meds, roll up their rugs, or do whatever needs doing.

### **5. What to Do If You're in a Flood Zone**

The NYC Office of Emergency Management suggests taking a series of steps if you happen to live near the coast, for instance, in Coney Island or Manhattan Beach.

- Make an itemized list of your personal property, including furnishings, clothing, and valuables.
- Create a list of important contacts for the whole family in the event of any emergency.
- Prepare a Go Bag with essentials, medications, keys, cash, mobile phone and other basics just in case you need to leave your home in a hurry.
- Have a plan. Decide where you will go if you have to evacuate, and how to get there.
- Get prepared to prevent flooding, and reinforce windows and doors. Keep materials, such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber, on hand to help protect your home.

#### **6. High Winds: What to Do & What Not to DO in Brooklyn**

Beware high winds. It can be beautiful to watch the trees bend, but falling trees can crush cars, down power lines, kill pedestrians, and toss heavy items such as garbage cans, furniture, potted plants, lamp posts and so on. Also high winds can blow out glass from high rise buildings. The best advice for staying safe from damage and injury that high winds can cause is to stay indoors. Don't go in the parks, or anywhere near trees that might suddenly crack and break.

#### **Recent Wind Events in New York City**

- August 2009 — gusting 70 mph winds knocked down more than 100 trees in Central Park, causing the most severe destruction in the park in more than 30 years.
- October 2009— 50 mph winds toppled 11 trees onto homes throughout the five boroughs, even splitting a three-story house in half in Queens. Part of Broadway was closed after debris from a building fell onto the street, causing long delays. Downed power lines caused power outages, leaving more than 3000 people without power.

**FIND OUT IF YOU ARE IN AN EVACUATING ZONE!!!!**

**Log on to:**

**Westchester:** <http://www.westchestergov.com/emergserv/OEM/severeweather.htm> or

**NYC:** [http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/hazards/storms\\_evaczones.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/hazards/storms_evaczones.shtml)

#### **Evacuation Map for NYC Area**

To embed this map on a blog or site, copy & paste this: `<iframe src="http://project.wnyc.org/news-maps/hurricane-zones/hurricane-zones.html?lat=40.7003&lon=-73.8610&zoom=11" height="700" width="560" scrolling="no" frameborder="0"></iframe>`

#### **Today is the best day to continue to prepare yourselves.**

Reminder: Use TEXT MESSAGING this weekend, instead of calling. Phones systems will be over burden with calls, so only use calling for emergency. Again texting is best, but only if it is a must. Make sure ALL YOUR CELL PHONES ARE FULLY CHARGED!!

**Please spread the word.**

**May Allah bless us all to stay safe and make sure to be well prepared!**

**Keep in prayer; it is the best.**

May you be progressive and productive in what you do.

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