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Navigating the Storm: Hurricane Preparedness in Nassau County



Nassau County, located on Long Island’s western half, is no stranger to the wrath of hurricanes and tropical storms. With its extensive coastline along the Atlantic Ocean and proximity to New York City, the area is particularly vulnerable to storm surges, high winds, and flooding. Hurricane Sandy in 2012 was a stark reminder of the devastation that hurricanes can inflict. Proper preparedness is not just a recommendation; it’s a necessity for every resident. This article provides a comprehensive guide on how to prepare for a hurricane, tailored specifically to the needs of those living in Nassau County.

Understanding the Risks in Nassau County

Geographical Vulnerability: Nassau County's geography makes it susceptible to storm surges and coastal flooding. The south shore, with its low-lying communities, is especially at risk.

Historical Impact: Past storms, such as Hurricanes Irene and Sandy, have shown that wind damage, flooding, and prolonged power outages are significant threats during hurricanes.

Essential Steps for Hurricane Preparedness

1. Know Your Evacuation Zones

Nassau County has designated evacuation zones based on the area’s vulnerability to storm surge flooding. Residents should:

- Check which zone their home is in using the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management website.
- Familiarize themselves with local evacuation routes.
- Plan multiple evacuation paths in case the primary route is blocked.

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KNOW YOUR ZONE



Click or Scan this QR code with your device for Flood Zone information.

EMERGENCY ALERTS



Click or Scan this QR code with your device for to sign up for emergency alerts..

2. Create an Emergency Kit

Every household should have a basic emergency kit that includes:

Non-perishable food and water for at least three days.

Medications and first aid supplies.

Flashlights, batteries, and a battery-powered radio.

Important documents (insurance, identification, and bank account records) in a waterproof container.

Supplies for pets if applicable.

3. Prepare Your Home

Minimizing potential damage to your property can reduce the risk of significant losses:

Reinforce windows with storm shutters or plywood.

Secure loose outdoor items (patio furniture, gardening tools) that can become projectiles.

Clear gutters and drains to prevent water buildup.

Consider flood insurance, as homeowner's policies do not typically cover flood damage.

4. Stay Informed

Keeping up-to-date with the latest weather updates can make a significant difference in your safety:

Sign up for Nassau County's emergency alerts.

Monitor weather forecasts through reliable sources.

Understand the difference between a hurricane "watch" and "warning."

During a Hurricane

1. If You Evacuate

Follow the instructions of local officials.

Leave early to avoid being trapped by severe weather.

Take your emergency kit and important documents.

Disconnect electrical appliances and shut off gas and water supplies if time allows.

2. If You Stay

Stay indoors and away from windows.

Keep your emergency kit accessible.

Monitor your battery-powered radio for updates.

If the power goes out, use flashlights instead of candles to prevent fire hazards.

Post-Hurricane Recovery

1. Return Home Only When Safe

Wait for the clearance from authorities before returning home. Avoid floodwater, which may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.

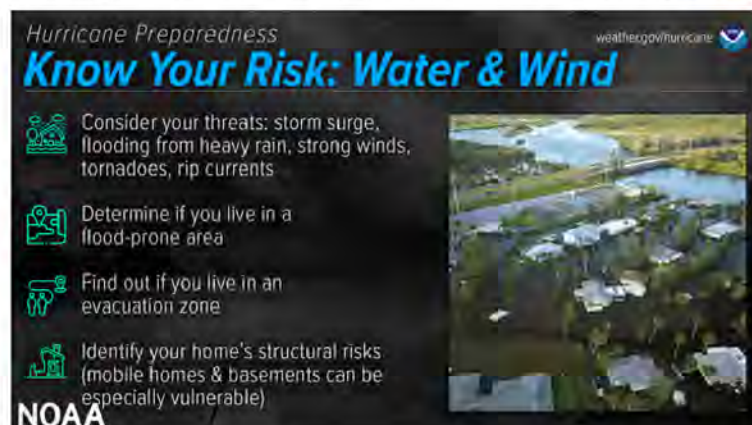
2. Assess and Document Damage

Safely assess the damage to your property. Photograph and document the damages for insurance claims.

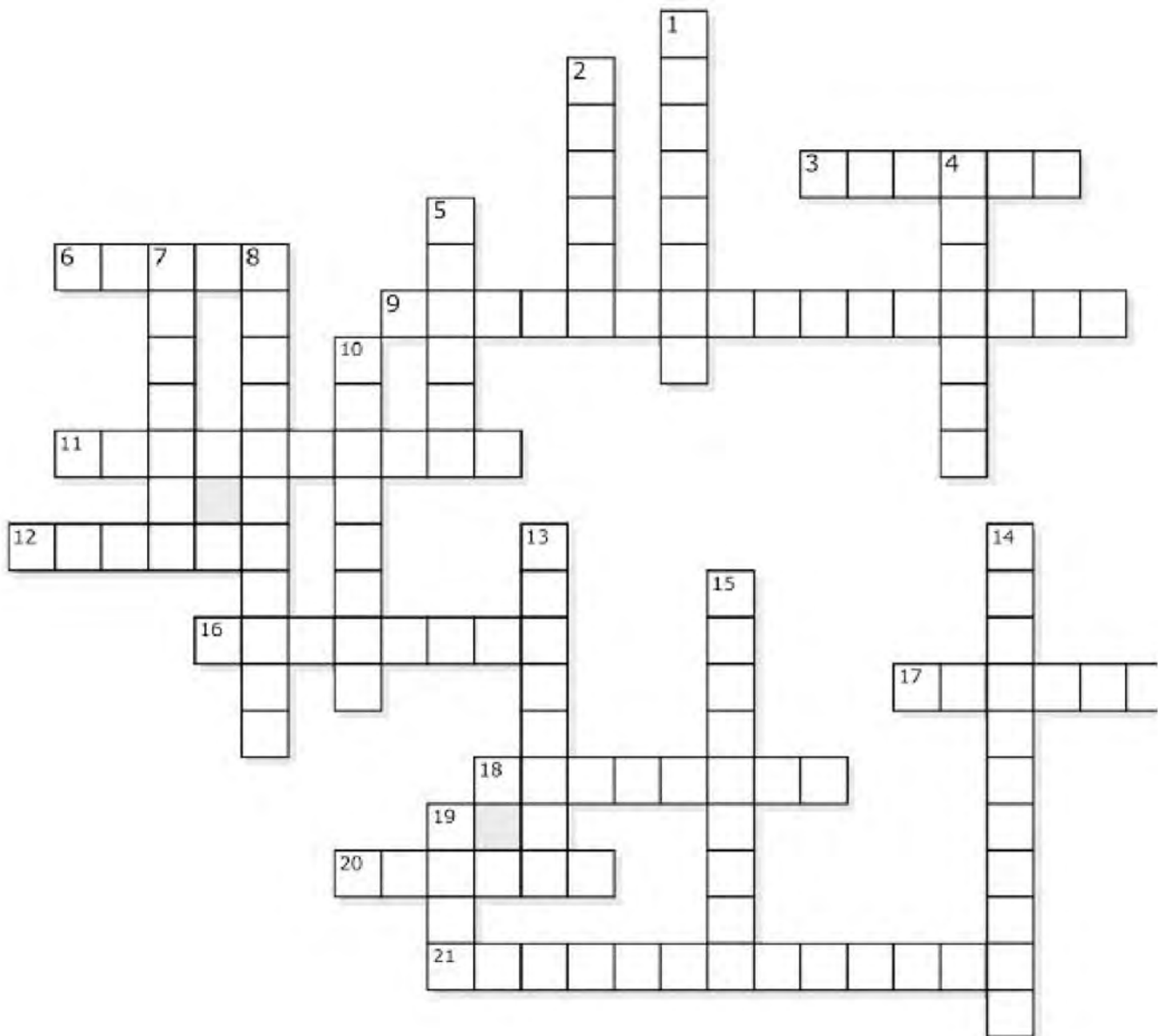
3. Seek Assistance if Needed

Nassau County and New York State offer various resources for recovery. Contact local offices for assistance with temporary housing, repairs, and food.

Hurricane preparedness in Nassau County is not just about making it through the storm but recovering afterward. By understanding the risks, preparing effectively, and staying informed, residents can protect themselves, their families, and their homes from the severe impacts of hurricanes. Remember, the time you spend preparing today can make a significant difference tomorrow. Stay safe, and take proactive steps to be hurricane-ready.



Hurricane Facts



Across

3) Storm surge is responsible for nearly _____ % of all hurricane-related deaths and injuries.

6) Hurricanes are the only weather disasters that have been given their own _____.

Down

1) The Long Island Express was a _____ three hurricane when it struck Long Island

2) The first hurricane to hit the American Colonies happened on _____ 25, 1635.

Across

- 9) Hurricanes rotate in a _____ direction.
- 11) The long Island Express created what famous inlet in Suffolk County?
- 12) The forward speed for an average hurricane is less than _____ mph.
- 16) Hurricane season is from June 1st to _____ 30th when the seas are at their warmest and most humid.
- 17) The man who first gave names to hurricanes was an Australian weather forecaster named C. _____ in the early 1900s.
- 18) Slow moving hurricanes produce more _____ and can cause more damage from flooding than faster-moving, more powerful hurricanes.
- 20) Most hurricanes die at sea when they pass over areas of _____ water.
- 21) A hurricane is rated using the _____ hurricane scale

Down

- 4) The most violent winds and heaviest rains take place in the _____ or the ring of clouds and thunderstorms closely surrounding the center.
- 5) Every second, a large hurricane releases the energy of 10 _____ bombs.
- 7) Hurricane Floyd which struck in 1999 was barely a category I hurricane, but it still managed to destroy 19 _____ trees and cause over a billion dollars in damage.
- 8) A tropical storm is categorized as a hurricane once it reaches wind speeds of _____ mph or higher
- 10) In the Pacific Ocean, Hurricanes are generally known as typhoons. In the Indian Ocean they are called tropical _____.
- 13) The word hurricane comes from the Taino Native American word, _____, meaning evil spirit of the wind.
- 14) When a hurricane is especially _____, its name is permanently retired and another name replaces it.
- 15) Hurricanes can also produce _____ that last only a few minutes.
- 19) Hurricanes didn't start having _____ names until 1979



Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)



Our monthly RACES / CERT Communication's general membership meeting was held on Thursday April 4th. During the meeting we spoke about the upcoming Hurricane Season which is expected to be above normal in the number of storms and the intensity. The Hurricane Season runs for June 1st to November 30th. We went over ways to prepare your family and for emergency Communications deployment. Now is the time to review preparedness skills with the family and prepare. Next, you need to check your Go-Kit and place it in an accessible area in your home. Additional training for Disaster Assessment was discussed for the near future for all CERT and RACES members. After the meeting we continued our skills review training. This month we reviewed Emergency Medical. as always, all CERTs and their families are welcome to attend our meeting and take part in the training. Next month we will be reviewing Search and Rescue. We look forward to seeing everyone and hoping you enjoy the experience.

The Amateur Radio Technician's Class License review and testing session is going to be held on Saturday May 11th in the lecture hall This is going to be a comprehensive review of ALL the material you will be tested on. The testing session will begin immediately after the class. This is an excellent opportunity to become an Amateur Radio Operator.

Field Day this year will be on June 22nd and 23rd. RACES is preparing to use this opportunity as a training event for emergency operations by setting up in a different location and communicating with other Amateur Radio Operators using portable antennas and generator power. This training simulates a real time emergency where no building or power is operating normally. We welcome CERT members, their families and the general public to come observe and learn the importance of emergency communications in times when all other communications has failed.



(Location to be announced)

Interested or just curious about Emergency Communications? We invite you to attend our next RACES / CERT Communications meeting on Thursday May 2nd at 7:30pm in the lecture hall, 510 Grumman Road West, Bethpage NY.

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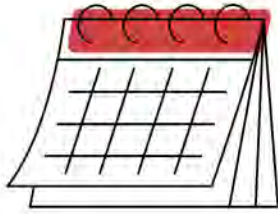
2024 Training Schedule

Month	Meeting Training	After meeting Training
March	Fire SuppressionBullex	
April	TriageLong Island Marathon	
May	Emergency MedicalSummer Reportable Criteria	
June	Search and RescueRadio Station Setup	
July	Search OperationsNYC Marathon	
August	No Meeting Enjoy Your Summer	
September	Deployment Preparation PsychologicalWinter Reportable Criteria	
October	Situation AwarenessEmergency Action Plan	
November	Shelter Communications and Table Top Exercise	
December	All County CERT Meeting	

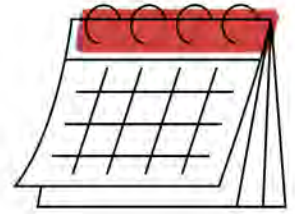
Note: Above is the proposed training schedule for 2024. However, trainings may change due to events or circumstances beyond our control. We will due our best to stay on schedule.



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Planned Events & Trainings



FEMA offers a large variety of online courses that are free of charge and will help to further your preparedness education. If you do not have a FEMA ID, you can register for one here.
[:https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid)



Emergency Management Institute - Independent Study (IS) | Course List

FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI)
Independent Study Course List

 [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov)

IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c&lang=en>

IS-317.A: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Team (CERTs)

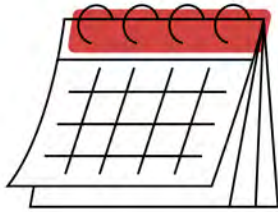
As a pre-requisite for CERT Basic classroom training or just to learn more about the program, check out EMI's Independent Study (IS) course IS-317.A.

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317.a&lang=en>

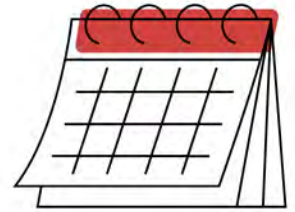
IS-315.A: CERT and the Incident Command System (ICS)

IS-315.A educates CERT program managers, trainers, or emergency responders on CERT's relationship to the Incident Command System (ICS) and potential roles CERTs play in a disaster or emergency situation.

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-315.a&lang=en>



Planned Events & Trainings



Bethpage 
* *Air Show* *

Bethpage Air Show
at Jones Beach State Park

 Saturday, May 25 &
Sunday, May 26
from 10AM - 3PM

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2024



★ **United States Navy Blue Angels**
★ We are pleased to announce the United States Navy Blue Angels as our headliners for the 2024 show!

2024 Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach - Saturday May 25th and Sunday May 26th. Due to an overwhelming response for this event, all CERT positions have been filled and no more responses will be accepted. A follow up email will be sent with further information about the event, once the CERT schedule is finalized. Thank you for your support.



Please send in any photos you have taken of news worthy items or from any CERT events that you have attended and I will select some to be used in the newsletter. Send images to:
rdelucia@nassaucountyny.gov

Calendar of Events

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 RACES Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Air Show
26 Air Show	27	28	29	30	31	

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5 CERT Division Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29



CERT Division Meetings



CERT Events



RACES Meetings

Important Dates

RACES Meeting -

- CERT Division 1 Meetings -** Wednesday – June 5, 2024
- Wednesday – September 4, 2024
- Wednesday – December 4, 2024

CERT Division 2 Meetings -



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