



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

What You Need to Know About Evacuations

In a disaster you may be asked to evacuate your home or workplace. City officials issue evacuation instructions when there is serious threat to public safety; you and your family should heed those instructions to stay safe. Find out now which evacuation zone your home, office, or frequently visited places are in [using this map](#).

The Mayor can issue two different kinds of evacuation instructions:

- **Evacuation Recommendation:** The Mayor may recommend certain residents take steps to evacuate voluntarily. A recommendation might be issued to cover residents of certain zones, communities or building types. An evacuation recommendation could also be issued for the benefit of people with mobility challenges who need extra time to evacuate.
- **Evacuation Order:** The Mayor may order residents of specific zones or communities to leave their homes for the protection of their health and welfare in the event of an approaching storm.



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Where Should You Go?

- Make arrangements to stay with family or friends who live outside of the impacted evacuation zone.
- Go to an evacuation center, from there you will be taken to a shelter staffed by city workers who are trained to keep things safe and running smoothly.
- You can reach all of the city's evacuation centers using public transportation. Access the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA's) [online tool to plan your trip](#).
- Shelter sites change based on the emergency so stay tuned to the local news, access NYC.gov, call 311 (TTY: 212-504-4115), or contact 311 online for the latest information.