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NYC Hurricanes and Coastal Storm Emergency Preparedness Additional Resources

New York City OEM: This agency is responsible for oversight and development of the City's emergency management plans. OEM regularly tests plans by conducting drills and exercises, and responds to emergencies to ensure that other agencies not only follow these plans, but to foster communication amongst the responding agencies. Please visit the agency's website: www.nyc.gov/oem

Ready New York Hurricane Guide: Contrary to popular belief among many New Yorkers, coastal storms, including hurricanes, can and do impact the City. The guide Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City includes general tips on how to prepare for any emergency, instructions on how to develop a hurricane disaster plan and secure your home before a storm, and a map of New York City hurricane evacuation zones. To download a copy, visit their website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/hurricane_guide.shtml

Ready New York Flooding Guide: In April 2008, the City introduced Ready New York: Flooding to inform New Yorkers how they can lower their risk for flooding and recover from flood damage. To download a copy, visit their website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/flooding_guide.shtml

The Hurricane Evacuation Zone Finder: Enter your address and click the "submit" button to find out whether your facility is in one of New York City's hurricane evacuation zones. Please visit the agency's website: <http://gis.nyc.gov/oem/he/index.htm>

New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO): The hurricane/coastal storm season in New York state began June 1 and runs through November 30. To learn what you can do to increase your preparedness for hurricanes and all hazards, check out hurricane safety information from SEMO. Please visit the agency's website: <http://www.semo.state.ny.us/info/publicsafety/hurricaneprepare.cfm>

The National Hurricane Center (NHC): The NHC's mission is to save lives, mitigate property loss, and improve economic efficiency by issuing the best watches, warnings, forecasts and analyses of hazardous tropical weather, and by increasing understanding of these hazards through global outreach. Please visit the agency's website: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.shtml>

The Encyclopedia of Hurricanes, Typhoons and Cyclones (2008 Edition): This book authored by David Longshore helps you discover the tumultuous and exciting world of hurricanes, typhoons, and cyclones. It features significant updates and information on recent weather phenomena and the devastation and loss that often resulted. The completely revised edition features more than 70 all-new black-and-white photographs and line illustrations, a revised introduction, historical and cultural entries, extensively revised front and back matter, a bibliography of print and Web resources, a chronology, and an index. This book is available at several online bookstores.

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