Overview

Summary

The New York City Emergency Management Department (NYCEM) has plans and protocols in place to guide New York City's response to weather emergencies, including plans for winter weather, coastal storms, extreme heat, flash floods, and events causing power outages, damage to structures, and/or significant amounts of debris. The four key weather emergency plans include the Winter Weather Emergency Plan, Coastal Storm Plan, Heat Emergency Plan, and Flash Flood Emergency Plan. Each plan:

- Describes a coordinated, flexible response to the hazardous weather event
- Defines agency roles and responsibilities
- Guides agencies through key decisions and actions to mitigate effects on people, critical infrastructure, and City operations

Plan Activation Process

- NYCEM Watch Command tracks New York City weather conditions in real time in conjunction with the National Weather Service, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and disseminates related hazard information to agencies.
- When a weather emergency meets one or more of the forecast triggers, NYCEM convenes
 interagency steering committee conference calls to coordinate preparation for the event and
 activates relevant plans and operations.
- NYCEM activates the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), when necessary, to prepare for and respond to weather emergencies.
- NYCEM provides public messaging through Notify NYC, NYCEM's website, and the NYC Severe Weather website, as well as social media, emails and calls to elected officials, private and non-profit partners, and other means.
- When a weather emergency exhausts New York City's response resources, NYCEM will work
 with agencies to identify vendors that can provide appropriate resources or will request
 support from the state through the established mission request process.
- If conditions warrant, NYCEM may concurrently activate additional all-hazards and recovery plans and protocols.

Based on forecast triggers and interagency steering committee discussion, NYCEM may convene citywide coordination at one of the following levels:

Activation Levels

Level	Coordination Center	Agencies	
1	EOC (full)	NYCEM personnel, all interagency steering committee agencies, and additional subject matter experts and partners as needed	
2	EOC (partial)	NYCEM personnel and a subset of interagency steering committee agencies	
3	Situation Room	NYCEM personnel and key interagency steering committee agencies	
4 Watch Command modified Level 4 activ		The City's EOC is always, at a minimum, at Level 4 activation. In modified Level 4 activations, EOC Team staff and agency representatives serve as an extension of Watch Command, as needed.	

Winter Weather Emergency Plan

	If resources are required beyond City assets and procurement, NYCEM will request assistance from NYS OEM through the following options (in order):			
	Mutual Aid Options	Description		
Mutual Aid	State-level or federal- level assets	NYS OEM coordinates requested resource through appropriate NYS or federal agencies		
Assistance	Intra-State Mutual Aid Program (IMAP)	Once an emergency is declared, NYS OEM requests assistance from participating local governments within New York State		
	Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)	After gubernatorial declaration of state of emergency, NYS OEM requests assistance from surrounding states		

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Triggers	 Snowfall exceeding six inches High temperatures below 15°F for a 48-hour per Wind chill below 0°F Sustained winds exceeding 40 miles per hour Forecasted ice storms or freezing rain 	riod
Winter Weather Emergency Steering Committee	 311 American Red Cross Amtrak Community Affairs Unit Con Edison Department for the Aging Department of Buildings Department of Citywide Administrative Services Department of Corrections Department of Education Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Department of Housing Preservation and Development Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications Department of Parks and Recreation Department of Sanitation Department of Social Services Department of Transportation Economic Development Corporation Federal Emergency Management Agency Greater New York Hospital Association Mayor's Office Mayor's Office of Contract Services Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations Mayor's Office of Resiliency Mayor's Public Engagement Unit NYC Health + Hospitals Metropolitan Transportation Authority 	 New Jersey Transit New York City Emergency Management Department New York City Fire Department New York City Housing Authority New York City Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management New York City Police Department New York City Service New York City Street Conditions Observation Unit (SCOUT) New York National Guard New York State Unified Court System New York State Department of Health New York State Department of Transportation New York State Office of Emergency Management Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Office of Management and Budget Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG) – Long Island Regional Emergency Medical Services Council Taxi and Limousine Commission Transportation Operations Coordination Committee (TRANSCOM) United States Coast Guard Verizon Voluntary Organizations Active in

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National Weather Service

	The following are WWEP strategies implemented by agencies and coordinated by NYCEM:				
	Objective	Operational Strategy	Agencies		
	Provide Hazard Awareness and Disseminate Public Messaging	Issue Alerts and Declarations	DCAS, DOE, DOHMH, DSNY, DOT, FDNY, LAW, Mayor's Office, NYCEM, NYPD, OLR		
		Disseminate Public Information	311, DOITT, DSNY, Mayor's Office, NYCEM		
		Transportation Network Condition Assessment	311, DOT, DSNY, FDNY, NYCEM, TRANSCOM		
	Reduce Hazards on Roadways and	Street and Facility Clearing	311, DCAS, DEP, DOT, DPR, DSNY, MTA, NYCEM, PANYNJ		
Operational Strategies	Transportation Systems	Winter Weather Towing	DCAS, DOT, DSNY, FDNY, MTA, NYCEM, NYPD		
	Systems	Transportation Network Operations and Suspensions	DOT, FAA, MTA, NYPD, NYS DOT, PANYNJ		
	Reduce Building Infrastructure and Utility Hazards	No Heat/No Hot Water	311, CON ED, DOHMH, HPD, NATIONAL GRID, NYCHA, NYCEM		
		Respond to Electric Utility Issues	CON ED, PSEG-LI		
	Monitor and Support	Situational Awareness and Resource Escalation	ARC, DOE, HPD, MTA, NYCEM, Advance Warning System Agencies		
	Vulnerable Populations	Homeless Outreach	311, DPR, DSNY, DSS, FDNY, MTA, NYPD, PANYNJ		
	The following represents the range of decisions and actions city agencies may initiate:				
	Action		Description		
	Issue hazardous weather advisory		Identifies weather-related hazards and advises the public to stay off roads, use public transportation, and exercise caution while driving.		
Key Actions	Close schools or delay opening		Reduces number of children and parents using roadways.		
	Suspend alternate side parking and/or meter rules		Reduces number of people moving vehicles due to parking rules.		
	Begin towing operations		NYPD, DSNY, or entity designated by DOT may remove vehicles obstructing traffic or illegally parked.		
	Activate Tow Truck Task Force		Coordinated towing of stuck ambulances, buses, and other vehicles.		

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	Issue Cold Weather Alert	Triggers increased outreach to vulnerable populations; issued automatically when overnight temperatures are forecast to fall below 32°F.			
	Issue DSNY Snow Alert	DSNY operates normally and prepares for storm; issued when snow is predicted within 24-48 hours.			
	Issue NYCEM Travel Advisory and Hazardous Travel Advisory	Increase hazard awareness for the public and diminish numbers of vehicles on roadways			
	Issue weather emergency declaration	A mayoral weather emergency declaration may include any of the actions listed above necessary to protect public safety.			
	NYCEM activated the <i>Winter Weather Emergency Plan</i> five times during the reporting period of November 15, 2018 to November 14, 2019:				
Plan Activations	November 15, 2018* January 19, 2019 March 1, 2019	February 12, 2019 February 20, 2019			
	* Snow event with snowfall equal to or in excess of six inches within a period of 24 hours; reportable in the 2019 Interagency Snow Preparedness and Response Report (Local Law 26/2011)				

Coastal Storm Plan

This document summarizes the weather emergency protocols contained	d within the NYC Coastal Storm Plan (CSP).				
• National Weather Service forecasts a coastal storm with potential impacts to New York City.	The state of the s				
311 3PL Administration for Children's Services Amtrak American Red Cross Community Affairs Unit Con Edison CUNY Cyber Command Department of Buildings Department of Corrections Department of Corrections Department of Education Department of Education Department of Environmental Protection Department of Finance/Sheriff Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Department of Housing Preservation and Development Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications Department of Sanitation Department of Sanitation Department of Social Services Department of Transportation Economic Development Corporation Federal Emergency Management Agency Greater New York Hospital Association Mayor's Office Mayor's Office of Contract Services Mayor's Office of Interroppennental Remediation Mayor's Office of Interroppennental Affairs	 National Grid National Parks Service National Weather Service NYC Health + Hospitals NYC Service New Jersey Transit New York City Emergency Management Department New York City Fire Department New York City Housing Authority New York City Law Department New York City Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management New York City Office of Labor Relations New York City Police Department New York Racing Association New York State Board of Elections New York State Courts New York State Department of Health New York State Department of Transportation New York State Office of Emergency Management Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Office of Management and Budget Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG) – Long Island Regional Emergency Medical Services Council Taxi and Limousine Commission Transportation Operations Coordinating Committee (TRANSCOM) United States Coast Guard U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Verizon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) 				

Coastal Storm Plan

Mayor's Office of Resiliency
Mayor's Public Engagement Unit
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department

Coastal Storm Plan

The following functional plans comprise the NYC Coastal Storm Plan. Each document is a standalone document implemented by agencies and coordinated by NYCEM:

	Coastal Storm Functional Plan	Description
	Activation Playbook	Provides a summary view of the plan and includes a series of timelines designed to guide decision-makers through the actions needed to activate and implement the numerous operations that constitute the citywide response.
	Advance Warning System Protocol*	Pushes targeted emergency information to organizations that serve people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs during emergencies.
	Evacuation	Describes the systems, processes, and procedures to evacuate at-risk population from areas of the City that may be inundated with storm surge to safer areas prior to the predicted Zero hour.
Operational Strategies	Healthcare Facility Evacuation Center Manual	Describes a coordinated operation to evacuate at-risk healthcare facilities in evacuation zones to like facilities on higher ground.
	Sheltering	Explains the procedures to activate and manage a disaster sheltering system for New Yorkers and visitors who are unable to find alternative shelter outside of storm surge areas.
	Logistics*	Outlines the basic activities and timelines needed to effectively implement shelter system support and post-storm commodities distribution operations.
	Public Information*	Outlines steps for City public information efforts before, during, and after a coastal storm.
	Recovery Playbook	Outlines the phases of recovery and how the City supports them through various task forces and plans.
	Debris Management*	Provides organizational structure, guidance and standardized procedures for debris clearance, removal, storage, and disposal.

* All-Hazards plans not limited to Coastal Storm activations.

The following represents the range of decisions and actions city agencies may initiate:

	Action	Description	
	Issue recommended evacuation	Issued when risks do not warrant an evacuation order; may target specific areas, facilities, or populations.	
	Issue ordered evacuation	Issued under authority of executive law; empowers the mayor to make emergency orders to protect life and property.	
Key Actions	Suspend alternate side parking and/or meter rules	Reduces the number of people moving vehicles due to parking rules.	
	Issue recommended/ ordered cessation of non-essential services	Allows citywide resources to be directed toward response operations, especially in specific areas or facilities.	
	Open shelters	Allows voluntary evacuation as a response to a localized threat or supports a mandatory evacuation.	

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	Issue weather emergency declaration	A mayoral weather emergency declaration may include any of the actions listed above necessary to protect public safety.
Plan Activations	NYCEM did not acti 2018 to November	vate the <i>Coastal Storm Plan</i> during the reporting period of November 15, 14, 2019.

Heat Emergency Plan

This document summarizes the weather emergency protocols that are contained within the NYC *Heat Emergency Plan* (HEP).

Triggers

Heat

Emergency

Steering

Committee

Heat Emergency Plan Activation Criteria:

- Predicted Heat Index of 100°F or higher for one day or more
- Predicted Heat Index of 95°F or higher for two consecutive days or more

In addition to *Heat Emergency Plan* activation criteria, the following triggers for excessive heat considerations include:

- Predicted Heat Index of 105°F for any duration, or
- Predicted Heat Index of 95°F for four days or more
- 311
- American Red Cross
- Brooklyn Public Library
- Community Affairs Unit
- Con Edison
- Department of Buildings
- Department of Citywide Administrative Services
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Design and Construction
- Department of Environmental Protection
- Department of Youth and Community Development
- Department for the Aging
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Department of Housing Preservation and Development
- Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Sanitation
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Transportation
- Deputy Mayor of Operation's Office
- Economic Development Corporation
- Greater New York Hospital Association
- NYC Health + Hospitals
- Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
- Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operation

- Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs
- Mayor's Office of Resiliency
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- National Weather Service
- New York 811
- New York City Emergency Management Department
- New York City Fire Department
- New York City Housing Authority
- New York City Police Department
- New York City Office of Labor Relations
- New York Public Library
- New York State Department of Health
- New York State Board of Elections
- New York State Office of Emergency Management
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
- Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
- Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG) – Long Island
- Queens Library
- Regional Emergency Medical Services Council
- Salvation Army
- Verizon
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

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	The following are HEP strategies implemented by agencies and coordinated by NYCEM:					
	Objectives	Operational Strategy	Agencies			
	Provide Hazard Awareness and Disseminate Public Messaging		311, DOHMH, FDNY, NYCEM			
Operational Strategies	Minimize Impacts to Public Health	Activate the Advance Warning System	ACS, ARC/GNY, Brooklyn Public Library, CCBQ, CCNY, Con Ed, DFTA, DOC, DOE, DOHMH, DSS, DPR, DYCD, ESRD, God's Love We Deliver, HBCA, H+H, Mayor's Office, MOPD, MTA, NYCEM, NYCHA, NY Public Library, NYS DOH, NYS DHSES, NYS OMH, NYS OPWDD, PSEG – LI, Queens Public Library, SA, VA, Visiting Nurse Service of NY			
Strategies	r dollo ricaltii	Activate Cooling Centers	311, Brooklyn Public Library, DFTA, DoITT, DPR, DYCDNYCEM, NYCHA, NYPD, NY Public Library, QN Library, SA			
		Conduct Homeless Outreach	311, DSS, DPR, DSNY, MTA, NYCEM			
		Relieve Stress on Electric System	Con Ed, DCAS, NYCEM, PSEG-LI			
	Minimize Impacts to Infrastructure	Issue Excavation Safety Alert	Con Ed, DDC, DEP, DOT, DPR, MTA, NYCEM, NY 811, PSEG-LI, Verizon			
		Distribute Spray Caps	DEP, FDNY, NYCEM, NYPD			
	The following repres	sents the range of decis	ions and actions city agencies may initiate:			
	Action		Description			
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Flash Flood Emergency Plan

This document summarizes the weather emergency protocols and procedures that are contained within the NYC Flash Flood Emergency Plan (FFEP).						
Trigger	Rainfall rate of one inch per hour for the duration of 60 minutes or longer					
• 311 • CAU • City Hall • Department of Environmental Pr • Department of Parks and Recrea • Department of Sanitation • Department of Transportation • Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management • Metropolitan Transportation Aut • National Weather Service			 New York State Office of Emergency Management New York State Department of Transportation Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management Port Authority of New York and New Jersey 			
	_		plemented by	agencies and coordinate	ted by NYCEM:	
Operational (Operational Strategy			Agencies		
Strategies	Targeted Cleaning and Maintenance		DEP, DSNY, D	·		
	Monitoring and Response		DEP, FDNY, NYPD, DOT, NYCEM			
	Recovery Assistance			iP, DOHMH, DSS, DoITT, N		
			of decisions and actions city agencies may initiate:			
	Action		Description			
	Commence targeted cleaning and maintenance operations		City agencies deploy personnel to designated recurring flooding locations to clear streets and catch basins of debris.			
Key Actions	Monitor recurring flood locations		City agencies and volunteers provide targeted monitoring of recurring flood locations to improve response during a flood event and to help direct recovery efforts.			
	Begin dewatering operations		FDNY provides dewatering equipment and personnel to support flood response at critical streets and intersections.			
	Provide recovery assistance		City agencies provide services and distribute appropriate recovery resources to affected residents through reception centers or Disaster Assistance Service Centers (DASC).			
	Issue weather emergency declaration		A mayoral weather emergency declaration may include any of the actions listed above necessary to protect public safety.			
	NYCEM activated the Flash Flood of November 15, 2018 to Novem		d Emergency Plan twenty-two times during the reporting period mber 14, 2019:			
	November 25, 2018	December 1	4, 2018	December 18, 2018	December 21, 2018	
Plan	December 27, 2018	January 3, 2	019	January 19, 2019	January 23, 2019	
Activations	February 21, 2019	April 13, 201		April 17, 2019	June 18, 2019	
	July 6, 2019	July 11, 201	9	July 17, 2019	July 30, 2019	
	August 5, 2019	August 13, 2019		September 11, 2019	October 16, 2019 October 25, 2019	

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October 30, 2019