

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Join Our 12th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium on March 6, 2024



JOIN US AT THE



12th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium **Path to Preparedness: Empowering Community Action**

Baruch College, New York, NY
Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<https://bit.ly/2024CPSymposium>

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility

Email: communityprep@oem.nyc.gov

or Call: (718) 422-4654 by February 21st



Scan here to RSVP

Join NYC Emergency Management Community Preparedness
for the 2024 Symposium Path to Preparedness: Empowering

Community Action. Each workshop will discuss how communities can support their neighbors before and after an emergency, including those with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, like older New Yorkers and immigrant communities. The symposium will be held **in person** at CUNY Baruch College on **Wednesday March 6th, 2024 from 9am to 3pm EST**. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, please click the following link: <https://bit.ly/2024CPSYMPOSIUM>

2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Webinar on February 22, 2024 @ 11am

NYC is no stranger to natural disasters. Each time we experience one, we learn how to make our city stronger and safer. The NYC



Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), updated every five years, outlines these new strategies, as well as steps we can take to reduce our risk.

On **Thursday February 22 from 11am to 12pm**, NYC Emergency Management will showcase the 2024 NYC HMP, describing the hazards facing NYC and sharing tools to help you understand your risk and ways to prepare and stay safe. We welcome your feedback on all aspects of the plan. **Check out the plan and leave your comments at nyc.hazardmitigation.com.**

Anyone can give feedback on the HMP during the public comment period, which has been extended to **March 5, 2024**.

Register by [clicking here](#).

Partner Spotlight

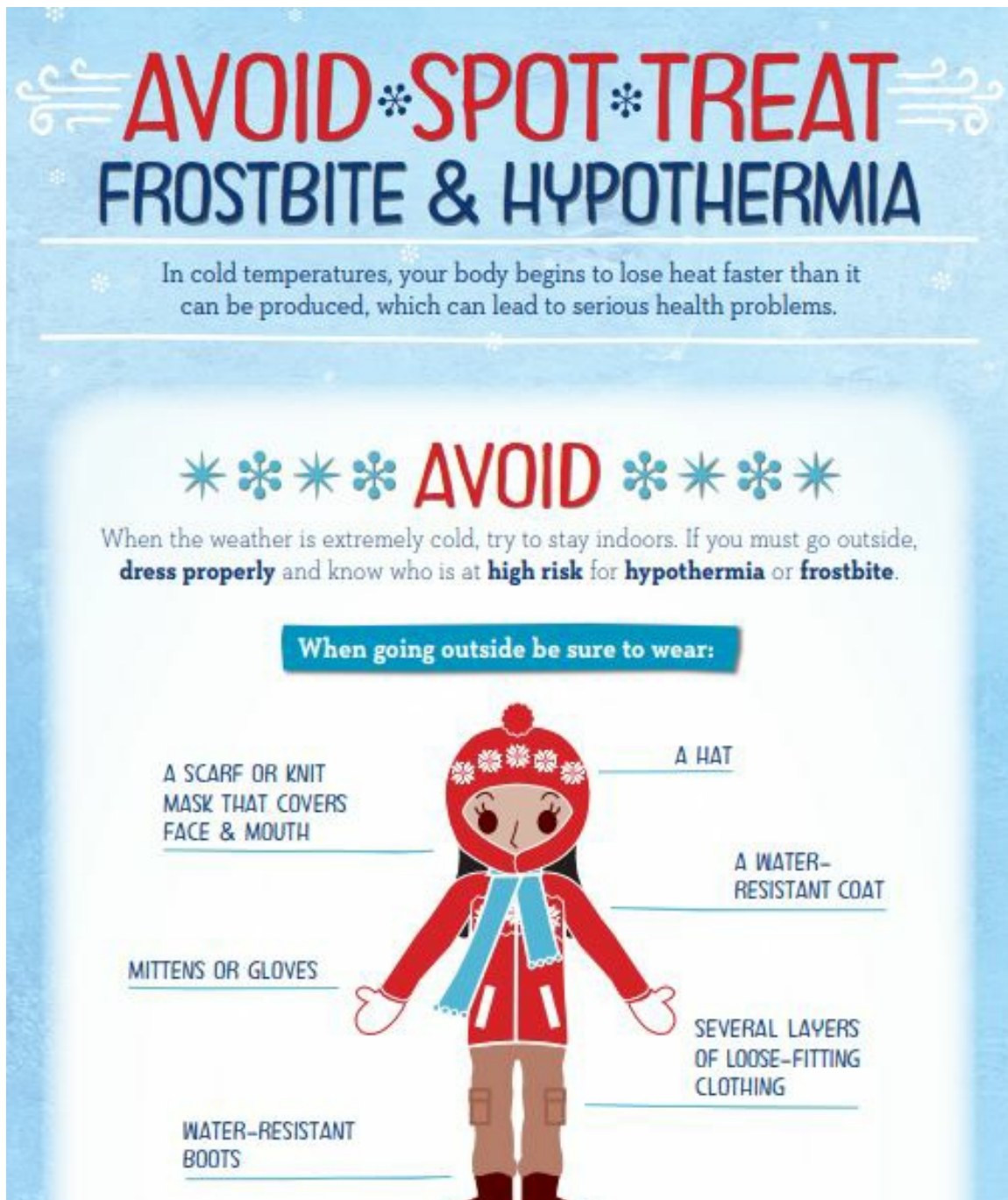
Shoutout to the **Staten Island COAD**, a [Strengthening Communities](#) partner, for sending out the 2/16/24 Travel Advisory within four (4!) minutes of receiving it. Hyperlocal networks are great messengers – we appreciate the great work you all do!



Governor Hochul Announces \$200 Million in Utility Bill Relief for 8 Million New Yorkers



Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the New York State Public Service Commission adopted a \$200 million New York State energy bill credit to be administered by the large electric and gas utilities on behalf of their customers. The energy bill credit is a one-time credit using State-appropriated funds to provide energy bill relief to more than 8 million directly metered electric and gas customers. With today's action, more than \$1.4 billion has been or will be made available to New York consumers to help offset energy costs in 2024. Find out more about the credit and other available energy assistance programs by [clicking here](#).



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.



Know who is at high risk:



Older adults without proper food, clothing, or heating



People who stay outdoors for long periods (homeless, hikers, hunters, etc.)



People who drink alcohol in excess or use illicit drugs



Babies sleeping in cold rooms

FEMA Seeking Youth Preparedness Council Applications

Do you know a young leader who is passionate about making a positive impact on their community? The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is looking for students in grades eight through 11 interested in supporting disaster preparedness to join the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC). YPC members meet with FEMA staff throughout their term to develop strategies, initiatives and project proposals. YPC members will also participate in a biennial YPC Summit held in Washington, D.C. At the Summit, YPC members will meet FEMA leaders and other preparedness professionals to network and learn more about the field of emergency management.

The online application is now open, and closes March 4, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. PT. To learn more about the YPC and application requirements, visit [Ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council](https://ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council) and visit <https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/apply-to-ypc> to apply.

General Info and Upcoming Events

FEMA Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) Webinar

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 | 8 pm ET

During this webinar, participants will learn more about the YPC application process and hear from three current YPC members about their experiences on the Council. The webinar will also provide an opportunity for participants to ask any questions they may have about the Council or the application.

Register by [clicking here](#).



What is Digital Accessibility?

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 1 pm - 2 pm ET

Do you know why Digital Accessibility is important? If Microsoft Office products like Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Outlook along with Adobe Acrobat PDF documents cannot be read and understood by everyone, then many people would miss out on essential, potentially lifesaving information. To improve your ability to create accessible materials, the FEMA Digital Accessibility (508) Program will show you how you can create accessible documents. This webinar will showcase the built-in accessibility tools to assist document owners in creating accessible documents before posting online or distributing to others. Digital Accessibility is everyone's responsibility!



Register by [clicking here](#).

Please share with cultural and art organizations in your community!



FEMA

FEMA recently released a fact sheet detailing ways art and culture organizations can get involved to fortify communities and build local community resilience. Information includes available grants organizations can apply for, as well as best practices for building partnerships and building preparedness. **To view the fact sheet, [click here](#).**

Freeze Your Rent!



Eligible New Yorkers with disabilities and older New Yorkers can stop their rent from increasing with the City's Rent Freeze program.

Call PEU's Rent Freeze Hotline at 929-252-7242.



**Rent
Freeze**



The NYC Rent Freeze Program, helps eligible New Yorkers with disabilities and seniors stay in affordable housing by freezing their rent. Find out more about the program by calling the **Rent Freeze Hotline** at **929-252-7242**. You can also visit the program website for my information by [clicking here](#).

Apply: John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service

The John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service is the first student fellowship with the City devoted specifically to emergency management. For more than 10 years, the program has proudly provided 10 graduate students in the New York City area with the opportunity to complete a nine-month, paid fellowship in an agency of New York City government or a nonprofit organization.



The application for the 2024 - 2025 academic year is now open. Completed applications include both the web application AND a resume submitted by midnight on Sunday, March 17. Fellowship staff will confirm receipt of completed applications. Only completed applications will be reviewed. For more information and the application, [click here](#).

APPLY: Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Applications Are Open

HEAP helps low-income households meet the cost of heating their homes. The benefit can pay for fuel, your utility source, and heating equipment replacement and repairs. The benefit is paid directly to the heating vendor or utility company.

For more information about eligibility and applying please click here: <https://access.nyc.gov/programs/home-energy-assistance-program-heap/>



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