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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 5, THROUGH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Isolated Showers and Thunderstorms Will Continue Overnight Tonight. Another Round of Storms Is Expected to Develop Tomorrow Afternoon and Continue Intermittently Throughout the Day Tuesday. These Storms May Produce Heavy Downpours That Could Lead to Flash Flooding, Particularly in Flood Vulnerable Location.

September 4, 2022 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today issued a travel advisory for Monday afternoon, September 5, through Tuesday, September 6. According to the latest forecast, there will be on and off showers and thunderstorms, some of which may be heavy, beginning now through Tuesday evening. The bulk of the rainfall is expected beginning tomorrow evening through late Tuesday morning and may produce flash flooding.

NYC Emergency Management and its partners have activated the Flash Flood Plan. Crews from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Transportation are inspecting and cleaning catch basins in neighborhoods and roads vulnerable to flooding.

Safety Tips

- If you live in a basement apartment, be prepared to move to a higher floor during periods of heavy rain.
- If you live in a flood-prone area, keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber on hand to help protect your home.
- If you have a disability or access or functional need, make sure your plan addresses how your needs may affect your ability to evacuate, shelter in place, or communicate with emergency workers. Arrange help from family, friends, or service providers if you will need assistance.
- Exercise caution when traveling. Do not drive your vehicle or walk into areas where water covers the roadway as the water depth may be too great to allow you to cross safely. Use mass transit if possible.
- When outside, avoid walking and driving through flooded areas. As few as six inches of moving water can knock a person over. Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling. One or two feet of water can carry away a vehicle.
- Stay out of any building if it is surrounded by floodwaters.
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- If you see downed electrical wires, do not go near them. Never attempt to move or touch them with any object. Be mindful that tree limbs, leaves, or water can cover downed

wires from view. Always stay away from downed power lines because they could be live.

- Report downed wires immediately. If a power line falls on your car while you are in it, stay inside the vehicle and wait for emergency personnel.

Prepare for Power Outages

- To prepare for a possible power outage, charge cell phone batteries, gather supplies, and turn your refrigerator and freezer to a colder setting. If you lose power, items that need refrigeration will stay cooler for longer.
- Make sure your flashlights and any battery-operated radios or televisions are working. Keep extra batteries.
- If you lose power and have a disability, access and functional needs or use Life Sustaining Equipment (LSE) and need immediate assistance, dial 911.
- Do not use generators indoors.
- Check on friends, relatives, and neighbors, especially older adults and people with disabilities, access and functional needs, or health conditions. Help them to prepare if needed.

For more safety tips, visit [NYC.gov/SevereWeather](https://nyc.gov/severeweather). Before and during an emergency, the City will send emergency alerts and updates to New Yorkers through various channels including Notify NYC, the City's free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can receive phone calls, text messages, and/or emails alerts about traffic and transit disruptions and other emergencies. Sign up for Notify NYC to receive free emergency alerts and updates in your preferred language by visiting [NYC.gov/NotifyNYC](https://nyc.gov/notifynyc), calling 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115), following @NotifyNYC on Twitter, or getting the free Notify NYC mobile application for your Apple or Android device.

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