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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISES NEW YORKERS TO PREPARE FOR
HIGH WINDS**

*High Wind Warning in effect for New York City from 12 p.m. through 7 p.m.
Friday*

Gusts up to 60 mph could affect the city

February 7, 2020 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today advised New Yorkers to prepare for gusty winds that could affect the city this afternoon. The National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning in effect for New York City from 12 p.m. through 7 p.m. today. Damaging winds of 25 to 35 mph with gusts up to 60 mph are expected, leading to the potential for property damage and power outages.

“With the gusty winds we are expecting this afternoon, we want you to take precautionary measures to secure your property. Bring in any loose, lightweight objects like garbage cans, potted plants, or lawn furniture that can be easily blown away,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Deanne Criswell**. “We advise you to give yourself extra travel time, exercise caution, adhere to any travel restrictions, and use mass transit where possible.”

NYC Emergency Management continues to work closely with National Weather Service to monitor the weather. The Department of Buildings (DOB) has issued a weather advisory to remind property owners, contractors, and crane operators to take precautionary measures and secure their construction sites, buildings, and equipment during the high winds expected. The department will perform random spot-check inspections of construction sites around the city. If sites are not secured, the department will take immediate enforcement action — issuing violations and Stop Work Orders, where necessary. For more information click [here](#).

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has issued a ban on all for empty tractor-trailers, tandem trailers, piggyback trailers, dual trailers and multiple trailers from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, for the Verrazzano-Narrows, Robert F. Kennedy, Throgs Neck, and Bronx-Whitestone bridges. Drivers are asked to consider alternate routes and allow for extra travel time. For more information, visit [mta.info](#).

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.
- If your power goes out, disconnect or turn off appliances that would otherwise turn on automatically when service is restored. If several appliances start up at once, the electric circuits may overload.



- 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.
- If a tree-related emergency occurs during this time, please call 911. All other tree or limb issues should be reported to 311.
- Do not use generators indoors.

For more information about weather conditions, visit nyc.gov/EmergencyManagement. New Yorkers are also encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City’s free emergency notification system, to stay informed about the latest weather updates and other emergencies. To learn more about the Notify NYC program or to sign up, visit nyc.gov/NotifyNYC, call 311, or download the free app for your Android or Apple device. You can also follow [@NotifyNYC](https://twitter.com/NotifyNYC) on Twitter.

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