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It is hurricane season. Knowing where to start to prepare for hurricanes, super storms, Nor'easters, blizzards and other disasters can be intimidating and scary.

To help Suffolk County residents, Suffolk County has created a very useful and fairly easy to navigate website:
<http://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/FireRescueandEmergencyServices.aspx>

This site is full of wonderful information about preparing a plan, preparing a kit, information on preparing with people with special needs and a plethora of other helpful information. A few of the links the site covers:

- [Prepare for an Emergency](#)
- [BE INFORMED](#)
- [Emergency Notification Systems](#)
- [CODE RED NOTIFICATION](#) Receive Emergency Notifications from the Suffolk County Code Red Emergency Notification System.

“The CodeRED emergency notification system is a high-speed mass notification service that allows the Suffolk Emergency Managers and Public Safety Officials to deliver customized messages directly to Suffolk County homes and business. The CodeRED system also sends out high-speed emails and text messages to those residents who have enrolled additional contact information.

The CodeRED system allows Suffolk Emergency Managers and Public Safety Officials to send notifications to specific geographic areas, so only those residents in the affected area of the alert will receive the notification. The system allows Suffolk officials to send notifications to predefined geographic areas such as villages, townships or zip codes.” [Sign Up to Receive Suffolk Code Red Emergency Notifications](#)

- [Mitigation Education for Natural Disasters](#)

“Suffolk County has experienced seven (7) Presidentially Declared Disasters in the seven (7) year period beginning with the Nor'easter of April 2007 and continuing through the Blizzard of February 2013. The frequency of these storm events is something that has not been seen in recent times.” “Suffolk County has developed this website as an information source for our residents to assist in their individual preparedness should a disaster occur. An educated and aware public is one of our primary defenses against losses.”

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/mend/index.html>

the website has information about making an emergency disaster plan with your family.

<http://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/FireRescueandEmergencyServices/OfficeofEmergencyManagement/MakeaPlan.aspx>

The website has links for information about meeting the needs of family members with special needs, communicating with your family; military, escape routes, utilities and insurance and vital records. There is a link for disaster assistance; natural disasters and extreme weather; options for protection, plus numerous other links to awesome information.