



### **Hurricane Sandy Hotline Contacts and Numbers**

**New York State Hurricane Sandy Helpline:** 1-888-769-7243

#### **Sandy Relief Resources**

<http://www.governor.ny.gov> - Latest updates of FEMA Assistance, Unemployment Insurance Filing, MTA updates, Gas shortages and shelter info. 1-800-NYSANDY

[www.nycservice.org](http://www.nycservice.org) – A variety of ways to get involved in the cleanup and recovery after Hurricane Sandy. As communities assess their needs and begin to rebuild, more volunteer opportunities will be added. Be sure to check back here for the most up-to-date volunteer opportunities throughout the five boroughs.

**Disaster Assistance: (FEMA)**-Federal disaster aid is available for individuals and businesses. FEMA funds a number of assistance programs including rental payments for temporary housing for those whose homes are unlivable; grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items; and unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for workers who temporarily lost jobs because of the disaster.

1-800-621-3362

1-800-462-7585 (TTY)

<http://www.disasterassistance.gov>

**Catholic Charities** – 1-888-744-7900 Help to guide you through the recovery process

#### **Mount Sinai Irving J. Selikoff Centers for Occupational and Environmental Medicine**

Health Care for Hurricane Sandy Workers and Volunteers

Hurricane response and clean-up activities can put your physical health and emotional well-being at risk. For those workers and volunteers responding to Hurricane Sandy, you might be exposed to physical hazards and emotional stressors during the course of your work or volunteer effort.

Contact Mount Sinai Irving J. Selikoff Centers for Occupational and Environmental Medicine FOR HELP:

Manhattan: 212-241-5555

Yonkers: 914-964-4737

Or visit <http://coem-nyc.org/about> or [www.mountsinai.org/selikoff](http://www.mountsinai.org/selikoff)

**Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)** due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy – If you lost work or income due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy you may be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).

New York State Department of Labor – 1-888-209-8124 or 1-877-358-5306 if you live out of state. The Application deadline is December 3, 2012.

**SBA AID:** After residents and businesses are registered with FEMA, they may apply for a disaster loan with the Small Business Administration. The SBA provides low-interest loans to cover residential losses not fully covered by insurance. The SBA also provides loans up to \$2 million for small businesses that have suffered property damage or loss of cash flow.

1-800-659-2955

1-800-877-8339 (TTY)

<http://sba.gov/content/applying-disaster-loan>

**For Aging/Elderly:** 1-800-342-9871

**For Chemical/Oil Spills:** 1-800-457-7362

**For Disability Assistance:** 1-800-342-3009

**For Temporary Disability Assistance:** 1-800-342-3009

**For Insurance or Banking issues:** 1-800-339-1759

**For Mental Health (Stress & Anxiety) Hotline:** 1-800-985-5990

**For PETS (Residents unable to evacuate with, assistance, retrieval):** 1-347-573-1561

**For Sheltering/Meals:**

Salvation Army: 1-800-SAL-ARMY or visit <http://www.redcross.org/find-help/shelter>

The Red Cross: 1-800-RED-CROSS

**For Transportation:** 518-485-8621

**For Utilities:** 1-800-342-3377 (7:30am – 7:30pm)

For regular updates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), read FEMA's blog at [blog.fema.gov](http://blog.fema.gov)

**Senator Charles E. Schumer:**

Washington D.C. office: 1-202-224-6542

New York City office: 1-212-486-4430

[http://www.schumer.senate.gov/Contact/office\\_locations.htm](http://www.schumer.senate.gov/Contact/office_locations.htm)

**Union Plus:** Union Plus \$500 Grants – Union Plus Disaster Relief Grants of \$500 are available to help participant in the Union Plus Credit Card, Insurance or Mortgage programs who are facing financial hardship because of recent severe weather. Visit: [www.unionplus.org/sandy](http://www.unionplus.org/sandy)

## **Volunteer/Donate**

### **UNITED WAY**

[UWSandyRecovery.org](http://UWSandyRecovery.org)- If you would like to donate to those most affected by Hurricane Sandy please consider visiting to donation page for the United Way Regional Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. You can also use your phone to text RECOVERY to 52000 to make a \$10 donation.

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS:** 1-800-REDCROSS

To make a donation to the Hurricane Sandy relief effort, you can go to the following site:

<http://www.redcross.org/hurricane-sandy>

### **211US**

[www.211us.org](http://www.211us.org)- Connect with Human Services as well as Volunteer Opportunities: Please encourage your family and friends affected by this storm to reach out to United Way 2-1-1 for assistance, and whether they are affected or not, 2-1-1 can help connect people with volunteer opportunities. Visit [www.211us.org](http://www.211us.org) to connect with your 2-1-1 online and follow @211us on Twitter. To find your local United way, for to liveunited.org and type your zip code in the top right.

### **FOOD BANKS:**

Food banks in New York City and Long Island need help with donations. Below is the contact information for food banks in New York City and Long Island.

#### **NYC**

**City Harvest:** Donations can be made online at <http://www.cityharvest.org/donate-funds/> or over the phone at 646.412.0643 between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday. To make a food donation, please contact: Racine Rodriguez at 347.443.8413 or [rrodriguez@cityharvest.org](mailto:rrodriguez@cityharvest.org).

**Food Bank of NYC:** The warehouse is located at Hunts Point Cooperative Market, 355 Food Center Drive Bronx, NY 10474. Their phone is 718.991.4300. They need volunteers at their warehouse.

#### **Long Island**

**Island Harvest:** The following items are needed: bottled water, vitamin water, healthy snack bars, peanut butter, crackers, pop-top food cans such as tuna and chili. If you would like to donate, please call the Emergency Food Collections Center at 631-873-4775. Donations can be dropped off on weekdays before 3PM at Hauppauge Warehouse, 40 Marcus Blvd, Hauppauge. You can also call the Emergency Food Collections Center at 631-873-4775.

**Long Island Cares:** Is accepting donations at The Harry Chapin Food Bank, 10 Davids Drive (Harry Chapin Way), Hauppauge, NY 11788-2039. You can also call (631) 582-FOOD or email [info@licares.org](mailto:info@licares.org).

**Sustainable Long Island:** You can make a donation at <http://sustainableli.org/> or by calling (516) 873-0230.