

# NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE GUIDE



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# LEARN

How to prepare and stay safe in extreme weather

Our changing climate is bringing hotter days, more rain, and other climate risks. The City has resources to make sure you and your family are prepared. *While these resources are meant to help New Yorkers prepare for emergencies, they do not guarantee safety. During an emergency, please follow guidance from government officials.*





# PREPARE

Know your risks

Cooling Center

مركز التبريد

কুলিং সেন্টার

避暑中心

Centre de  
chissement

Klimatizè

Centro  
raffreddamento

쿨링 센터

Ośrodek  
Klimatyzowany

Центр охлаждения

Centro de  
Enfriamiento

## [Sign up for Notify NYC](#)

Get real-time updates about extreme weather events like major storms or heat waves, and information about safety precautions. Texts and email notifications will alert you to upcoming weather events.

# LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CLIMATE RISKS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

## Do you live in a hurricane evacuation zone?

If a big storm hits, residents in certain areas may be ordered to evacuate depending on where the storm lands and how strong it is. The [NYC Hurricane Evacuation Zone Finder](#) can tell you whether you live in an evacuation zone.

## Do you live in a heat-vulnerable area?

Some neighborhoods are more vulnerable to extreme heat, because of factors like access to green space. Use the interactive [Heat Vulnerability Index](#) to look up your neighborhood's heat vulnerability, and make sure to take necessary precautions during hot days.

## [Explore the EJNYC Mapping Tool](#)

While climate change impacts everyone, it does not affect everyone equally. See how environmental and climate burdens impact different neighborhoods.





# HEAT

New York City is experiencing  
hotter days

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a park. In the upper half, there are large, leafy green trees. In the lower half, a stone fountain with multiple tiers is visible, with water cascading down. To the right, a black lamppost with a white globe is partially visible. The text is overlaid on this background in four colored rectangular boxes.

## HEAT RESOURCES:

### Cooling Assistance:

You may qualify for a free AC through the [Home Energy Assistance Program \(HEAP\) Cooling Assistance Benefit](#). Applications open each spring and remain open until funding runs out.

### Trees and Greenspace:

Trees help cool our city and clean our air. Use the [NYC Street Tree Map](#) to find out how to water, weed, and plant around your street tree.

### Cooling Centers:

If you don't have AC in your home, you can use the [Cool Options map](#) to find cooling center locations and other ways to beat the heat.

### Spray Caps:

[Request a hydrant spray cap](#) to stay cool when it's hot out without wasting water.





# BUILDINGS

Cleaner buildings are  
healthier buildings

## Make your home energy efficient

There are many resources to help New Yorkers modernize their homes including the [NYC Accelerator program](#), [NYSERDA's residential programs](#), and [ConEd's rebates](#) and energy efficiency incentives.

From taking part in [rain barrel giveaways](#), to [reporting clogged catch basins](#), to [ensuring their small businesses know their climate-related vulnerabilities](#), New Yorkers can be prepared when the next major flooding event happens. And when it does, there may be federal and state [resources available](#) to help you recover.



# FLOODING

Can be caused by coastal storms, heavy rain, or high tides





## OUR REPORTS

### PlaNYC: Getting Sustainability Done

New York City's long-term strategic [climate plan](#).

### Environmental Justice NYC

Guides the City's work to advance [environmental justice](#).

### PowerUp NYC

The City's first-ever long-term [Energy Plan](#).





# ABOUT US

MOCEJ works to protect New Yorkers from the threats of climate change and extreme weather by creating and advancing policies, programs, and projects that secure the city, while making our critical infrastructure cleaner and more reliable. We strengthen our defenses, tackle the sources of pollution, and provide resources to all New Yorkers so that our businesses, families, and communities can thrive in healthy and safe neighborhoods.