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## Recovering After Hurricane Sandy: Ways to Get Involved and Where to go for Help

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The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy has created a great deal of devastation in many communities throughout New York State. Our government agencies and first responders have been working hard to make sure our infrastructure is up and running again, but there is still much work to do. It is important that those of us who are able to volunteer give back to those who were severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy through loss of power, water, and damages due to severe flooding. Below you'll find information on agencies that are seeking volunteers and information on where to go if you have suffered damages due to Hurricane Sandy.

**Where to Volunteer:**

- **American Red Cross-** The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers who are 16 years or older and able to work 12-hour shifts at local New York City shelters [across the city and by neighborhood](#). For more information and application, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **The New York Blood Center-** The need for blood has increased post-Hurricane Sandy. Five locations are currently open: in Midtown at 601 Lexington (the Citigroup building), in the Upper East Side on 67th Street between 1st and 2nd Ave, at the Elmsford Center in Westchester County, and the East Fishkill and Kingston Center, both located in the Hudson Valley.
- **FEMA-** You may provide financial contributions or volunteer at the organization of your choice. For a list of organizations by state, [CLICK HERE](#).
- **Shelters and Evacuation Centers-** Shelters and Evacuation Centers are in need of different forms of assistance, whether it be a helping hand or clothing donations. Please call ahead and ask what the needs are. For a list of Red Cross shelters, NYC Evacuation Centers, FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers, and DC Emergency Centers in your area, [CLICK HERE](#).

