



## Con Edison Adds Extra Crews, Prepares for Wind Storm

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NEW YORK, Dec 01, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Faced with forecasted gusting winds and heavy rain, Con Edison is preparing to mobilize extra crews throughout New York City and Westchester County today to make repairs in case of storm damage. The company also is adding more customer service representatives to its call centers to answer customers' questions.

The National Weather Service forecasts sustained winds of up to 30 mph. Higher wind gusts of up to 50 mph are possible along with bands of heavy rain and thunderstorms. Customers are urged to call Con Edison immediately to report any outages at 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633).

Con Edison will have additional staff available throughout the weekend to deal with any damage from the winds. The additional workers include skilled mechanics expert at making repairs to overhead equipment, safety personnel and damage assessors. Staff will work-around-the-clock to ensure that all customers receive safe and reliable service.

Con Edison will be in contact with local and municipal officials, as well as the appropriate Office of Emergency Services agencies to keep them apprised of all efforts.

Here are some tips to prepare for a storm:

- Have a lights-out kit that is well stocked and handy, with a battery-operated radio or TV, several flashlights and a supply of fresh batteries.
- In the event of a power outage, customers should protect their major appliances and any electronically-sensitive equipment, such as computers, by switching them to the "off" position.
- Stay indoors. If you must go outside, stay away from downed and dangling lines. Treat all downed lines as if they are live and dangerous.
- For more storm tips and preparation, go to <http://www.ConEd.com>

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