

## Headlines: Sandy Hits Hard

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The superstorm named Sandy brought flooding and power outages to the city with surges higher than the estimated 10 to 12 feet, but few deaths were reported.

The MTA is calling this the [worst disaster](#) in its history and an [extended shutdown](#) looms. Officials said it could take between [14 hours to four days](#) to clear water from the tunnels.

At least 660,000 customers in New York had [lost power](#) as of late Monday night, and Con Ed says it could be [a week](#) before everyone gets power back. A customer is an individual meter, so the actual number of people affected is higher. Some [5.2 million people](#) were left without electricity across the region. At least 10 deaths were blamed on the storm.

The city's [storm shelters](#) didn't reach 4 percent of their total capacity, even though Mayor Bloomberg [urged](#) 375,000 people in evacuation zones to leave, including 45,000 public housing residents. Cops with bullhorns drove [building to building](#) in the projects and Housing Authority workers knocked on doors.

[Flooding](#) overwhelmed Red Hook and Lower Manhattan. One of the units at Indian Point [nuclear power plant](#) was shut down. The boom of a [construction crane](#) for one of Manhattan's tallest residential towers was broken in the storm and dangles high above the city. [911](#) received 10 times more calls than usual.

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