

Headlines: Cold Front Threatens Sandy Victims

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Between 20,000 and 40,000 were [left homeless](#) in the city by Sandy. About [half](#) of those are public-housing residents. The 115,000 people in the Rockaways remain [without power](#), as do thousands more in Red Hook and Gerritsen Beach in Brooklyn, and New Dorp Beach on Staten Island. A [cold snap](#) is making this particularly problematic. Also, a nor'easter with 35-45mph sustained winds is likely to hit on Wednesday night, possibly bringing moderate flooding in areas already impacted by extreme flooding from Sandy.

Although the [majority of the subway](#) system is reopened, rail switch and signal [failures will continue](#). It could also take several months to [restore the A train](#) to the Rockaways.

Fifty-nine [polling places will be affected](#), and Mayor Bloomberg expresses [little confidence](#) the Board of Elections will manage it very well. The board still hasn't appointed an executive director and their Manhattan headquarters had [no power](#) all week. Those who [can't get to their polling places](#) may go to the Board of Election's borough offices and vote until 5 p.m. today.

The city had been inundated with people dropping off goods, so officials and other groups are suggesting they [give money](#), and possibly coats, instead. Dozens of buildings near the water's edge, especially in the financial district, are weeks or [months away from reopening](#). The [fuel shortage](#) could last for several more days. Currently 27 percent of gas stations in the area are empty. Major

[crime dropped](#)

significantly in the storm's wake, but burglaries saw a 3 percent increase.

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, heaters, and other supplies for the canceled marathon remained unused in Central Park. More than 100 New York City public

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will remain closed today.

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