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Councilmember Alexander Commends the District of Columbia for the Preparation and Restoration Efforts for Hurricane Irene

Currently, a number of District of Columbia agencies as well as Pepco are cleaning up the aftermath of Hurricane Irene which hit the area on August 27, 2011. Strong winds and heavy rainfall produced a significant amount of damage throughout the city.

During the storm, roughly 31,000 customers in the District of Columbia were left without power. As of today, a significant number of customers have had their power restored. Pepco is asking all customers to report any power outages and downed lines to 1-877-737-2662. Once customers contact Pepco, they should request a “call-back” to receive an update on the power restoration progress.

“I was glad to see that our residents and government agencies came together to prepare for the storm,” said Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander.

Department of Public Works (DPW) successfully handed out 13,500 sandbags to District residents who were concerned about flooding issues as a result of Hurricane Irene. MPD and DPW worked together well to ensure that residents would be prepared for the anticipated damage. DDOT has also worked diligently to help clear streets and sidewalks that were blocked by fallen trees.

“Many of the District residents lost power, including me, during the hurricane,” said Councilmember Alexander. “I encourage everyone to check on their neighbors who are in need and to continue to keep Pepco updated about any power outages.”

“As Chairman of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, I will assess the efforts of Pepco and will review its preparedness and responsiveness,” said Councilmember Alexander.

To keep up-to-date, customers are encouraged to visit the Pepco website (www.pepco.com) frequently, follow at [www.Twitter.com/PepcoConnect](https://www.twitter.com/PepcoConnect) and listen to local radio stations for updates. A full list of safety tips can be found on the Pepco website (www.pepco.com). Residents are also encouraged to call 311 to report any damage or other issues that resulted from Hurricane Irene.

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