

Many hurricanes have hit Long Island during the 20th century, but Patchogue was fortunate in receiving only minor to moderate damage during these storms. The hurricane that hit Long Island without warning September 21, 1938 caused \$18 billion damage in today's money on Long Island and in the New England states. The center of the category 3 storm passed over West Hampton, causing 50 deaths on Long Island. Patchogue lost many trees and some houses had minor damage. Other hurricanes of the century on Long Island were as follows:

Carol - September 2, 1954, 130 mph winds, loss of trees and glass damage.

Donna - September 12, 1960, 90 mph winds, trees, glass and boat damage, 220,000 without power.

Belle - August 9, 1976. Extensive damage on Long Island, flooding and power loss.

Gloria - September 27, 1985, category 2 storm, 185,000 homes without power, trees, many homes for several days without power or electricity.

Bob - August 18, 1991, category 2 storm, brushes east end of L.I., trees, power loss to 380,000 residents



A devastating category 3 hurricane hit Long Island's South Shore on September 21, 1938 with 130 mph winds.

The center of the storm passed over Westhampton, causing great destruction and many deaths on the east end of Long Island. Patchogue was spared major damage and loss of life, but many trees were downed and some homes were damaged. This tree came down in front of Captain Valentine's home on Carman Street.



The damage caused by the 1938 hurricane on Cedar Street.