

WEATHER ADVISORY STATEMENT
for PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
As of October 27, 2012; 10:00 AM

Tropical Storm Sandy will remain near Hurricane strength as it approaches our area over the next two days. While the exact location of landfall is unknown, a landfall along the New Jersey coast is very likely. Our area will be impacted by this system beginning tomorrow and lasting into Tuesday of next week. Tropical Weather systems are characterized by Strong Winds and Heavy Rains. All residents should have emergency plans in place at this time. Today is the day to finalize preparations for the approaching storm and its potential effects.

Preparations should include completing emergency kits and contacting family members regarding your emergency plans in case communications fail during the storm. Emergency Supplies should include enough food, water and medications for 3 to 5 days. Secure all items such as garbage cans, patio furniture and lawn decorations or move them indoors. Please do not place any additional leaves near the roadways at this time. Leaves will block drainage and make road flooding worse with heavy rains.

Current river and reservoir levels have the capacity to absorb a significant amount of rainfall, however a prolonged rain event that might be possible with the worst case scenario has the potential to cause flooding on the Pequannock and Pompton Rivers. Current rainfall predictions for our area vary widely at this time. Generally speaking, rainfall totals in excess of 6 inches will cause moderate flooding and affect the Township's most flood prone areas. Rain in excess of 8 inches will result in major flooding though out the Township. Monitor rain totals and forecasts very closely. All residents living within the flood plain should have a plan in the event that evacuations are called for.

Links that provide information relative to Hurricane Preparedness and Emergency Planning are in the "Quick Links" section at the bottom of our homepage on the Pequannock Township website. The website can be accessed at www.peqtwp.org. All Township residents are encouraged to monitor weather forecasts and remain alert to hazardous conditions in your neighborhood. You can sign up to receive these advisories by email from the Flood Information Page on our website. Updates and local emergency information are available on AM Radio 1620 and by calling our Flood Information Phone at (973) 835-4225. All residents are encouraged to sign up for Reverse 9-1-1 which now has the ability to send text messages. Follow the link from the Flood Information Page on our website

The next Weather Advisory Statement will be issued at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 27.

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