

WEATHER ADVISORY STATEMENT
for PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
As of October 28, 2012; 10:00 PM

Hurricane Sandy will remain near Hurricane strength as it approaches our area over the next two days. Tropical storm force winds extend hundreds of miles in every direction from the center of the storm. While the exact location of landfall is unknown, a landfall along the New Jersey coast is very likely. Strong Winds should be expected regardless of the exact storm track. A Flood Watch has been issued for our area from this evening through Tuesday evening. A High Wind Warning is in effect from Monday morning until Tuesday morning.

Power outages should be expected as a result of strong winds. Power companies have indicated that it will take a week or more to restore power to all customers in the event of widespread outages. All residents should be prepared to be without power for an extended period of time. Regular communication networks may become unreliable as a result of power outages, downed lines and heavy call volume. Pequannock Township schools will be closed on Monday in anticipation of adverse weather conditions though out the day.

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. We wish to thank the Governor for taking steps to increase the amount of flood storage capacity in the Passaic River watershed. Current rainfall predictions for our area indicate that we should expect between 4 and 5 inches of rain locally. However, 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 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 e-mail 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 10:00 AM on Monday, October 29.

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