

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS ADVISORY Tropical Storm Henri pre-landfall information

Good evening,

Tropical Storm Henri is currently approximately 290 miles south southeast off the coast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina moving to the north northwest at 7 MPH with maximum sustained winds of 70 MPH. Henri is expected to become a Hurricane in the next 12 hours as it moves up the eastern coast.

The first effects of Henri are now expected to begin around daybreak Sunday morning. Wind and rain are expected to steadily increase during the day and Henri is forecast to make landfall Sunday evening between 6:00 - 7:00 PM as a borderline Category I hurricane with sustained winds of 70 MPH and gusts to 85 MPH.

Governor Lamont has already declared a State of Emergency for the entire state.

PRIMARY CONCERNS:

- Moderate River Flooding Possible: Henri is expected to bring 4" 6"+ of rainfall to the entire state which may cause moderate moderate river and stream flooding Sunday afternoon and evening.
- Moderate to Major Tree and Powerline Damage Possible: While we are on the "rain" side of the storm, significant wind is expected late Sunday afternoon and evening with gusts of 50 60 MPH across the rest of the state. These wind speeds could cause major tree and powerline damage across the state.

Emergency Management, Public Works, KVFD fire and EMS, our Region 5 DEMHS Coordinator, and our Eversource liaison will be coordinating response throughout the weekend.

PREPARING FOR THIS STORM:

- Transfer Station permit holders we are encouraging those that use the Transfer Station to come tomorrow (Saturday) if possible. Depending on damage and storm track, there may be a need for early closure on Sunday.
- Check in with your neighbors now so you know who is home around you and who is not.
- Plan to stay put starting on Sunday and for the duration of the storm. This is not only for your own safety, but for the safety of fire and EMS, law enforcement and Eversource crews.
- Subscribe to receive emergency alerts through CTAlert. Visit <u>www.ct.gov/ctalert</u> to register.
- See the list at the bottom of this email for recommended items to include in a basic emergency supply kit.
- Plan ahead and pre-set a family group text conversation in your phones. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through, and it uses less battery life..

DURING THE STORM:

- Stay home and keep away from windows.
- ALL WIRES DOWN SHOULD BE PRESUMED LIVE AND DANGEROUS.

AFTER THE STORM:

- Stay alert to fallen debris, blocked roads and other road hazards. Only go out if you have to. It's best to stay home.
- When it is safe, check in on your neighbors.
- If your power does go out, report it to Eversource immediately:
 - visit the Eversource Storm Outage page,
 - call in your outage at 800.286.2000

Recommended items to include in a basic emergency supply kit:

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- A whistle to signal for help
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- A manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Food and litter requirements for any pets
- Medication or any special need items, including diapers for infants
- Cleaning supplies that disinfect for COVID-19 and face masks should they be needed at a shelter

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