



11:30am Tuesday, September 19th, 2017

Tropical Storm Watches Remain Cancelled for the Connecticut Coast Very Minor Fringe Impacts Expected in Connecticut from Jose

At 11:00 AM Hurricane Jose was located at 36.5 N 71.7 W or approximately 335 miles south southwest off Nantucket, Massachusetts. Jose had maximum sustained winds of 75 MPH and is moving to the north at 7MPH.

At 11:00 AM winds along our coast were from the Northeast at 15 – 20 MPH gusting to 25 MPH at times. Tides are currently running approximately 1 foot above normal. The next high tide in New London is forecast to occur at 9:31 PM and the next high tide in Bridgeport is forecast to occur at 11:35 PM. Very minor coastal flooding is possible because we are currently at our monthly astronomical high tide.

Jose is forecast by the NHC to move slowly to the northeast during the next 24 hours. Jose is forecast to make its closest approach to Connecticut at approximately 8:00 AM Wednesday morning. Jose is forecast to be a strong tropical storm at that time with sustained winds of 70 MPH. Jose is then forecast to turn to the east Wednesday night and become post-tropical by 8 AM Friday morning. Jose is then forecast to stall approximately 300 miles to our southeast by Saturday morning.

Based on the official NHC track, the fringe impacts from Jose in Connecticut are expected to include sustained winds of 30 MPH, less than an inch of rain, high surf, rip currents and minor coastal flooding. The highest impacts are forecast to occur in southeastern CT from this afternoon until Wednesday afternoon. With Jose eventually expected to stall to our southeast, the high surf and rip currents are expected to continue into this weekend.

Lyme Local Response Update

Lyme emergency services and the Lyme Town crew are prepared for response to anticipated minor damage from winds. Tree limbs and other debris are expected on the roadways and in some cases, might result in the loss of power. Please do not approach downed power lines. As always, any hazard or emergency that presents imminent risk to life and safety should be reported by dialing **911**.

State utility crews are on standby for any reported damage to utilities or loss of services. Status of power outages can be accessed by the Eversource website:

<https://www.eversource.com/clp/outage/outagemap.aspx>

When a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Is Approaching

- Listen to a *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)* Weather Radio or to a local news station for the latest information.
- Review your family emergency plan.
 - If you live or work in a flood or an area that is prone to flooding, be ready to evacuate.
 - If you are not in an area prone to flooding and planning on riding out the storm at home, gather adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are unable to leave due to.
- Prepare for power outages by charging cell phones and electronics and setting your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. If you use electricity to get well water, fill your bathtub with water to use for flushing toilets.
 - Keep your car's gas tank full. Pumps at gas stations may not work during a power outage.
- Prepare your home.
 - Secure or bring in outdoor objects (patio furniture, children's toys, trash cans, etc.) that could be swept away or damaged during strong winds or flooding.
 - Clear clogged rain gutters to allow water to flow away from your home.

- If damaging winds are expected, cover all of your windows. If you don't have storm shutters, board up windows with 5/8" exterior-grade or marine plywood.
- Turn off propane tanks if you are not using them.
- Prepare for flooding by elevating items in your basement, checking your sump pump, unplugging sensitive electronic equipment, clearing nearby catch basins, and parking vehicles in areas not prone to flooding.
- If instructed, turn off your gas and electricity at the main switch or valve.
- If you have a boat, remove it from the water. If you cannot, prepare your boat for the storm to reduce damage.

Additional information can be found at: <http://ct.gov/demhs>

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