



2:00pm Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Tropical Storm Watches Remain in Effect for the Connecticut Coast

Tropical Storm Watches remain in effect for southern Fairfield and New Haven Counties and all of Middlesex and New London Counties. At 11:00 AM Jose was located at 33.9 N 71.1 W or approximately 265 miles east southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Jose has maximum sustained winds of 75 MPH and is moving to the north at 9 MPH.

Jose is forecast by the NHC to continue on a northward track today and tonight with a slight turn to the northeast on Tuesday. Jose is then forecast to move slowly up the U.S. east coast on Tuesday. Jose is now forecast to be located near the 40 / 70 benchmark or approximately 190 miles southeast of the Connecticut coast by 8:00 AM Wednesday morning. Jose is forecast to be a tropical storm at that time with sustained winds at 70 MPH.

Based on the official NHC track, the impacts from Jose in Connecticut are now forecast to include sustained winds close to 40 MPH with gusts to 45 MPH, rainfall of 1 – 2 inches, minor coastal flooding, high surf, and rip currents. The highest impact is currently forecast to occur in southeastern CT from Tuesday evening until Wednesday afternoon.

## 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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