



HURRICANE SANDY / “FRANKENSTORM” IMPORTANT MESSAGE

CURRENT FORECASTS CALL FOR FLOODING OF THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) FEET MORE THAN WHAT WAS EXPERIENCED DURING HURRICANE IRENE LAST YEAR, AND TWO (2) TO THREE (3) MORE FEET THAN WHAT WAS EXPERIENCED WITH THE 1992 NOR’EASTER. IN ADDITION, HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO IMPACT OUR AREA FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS.

Neptune Township is preparing for the impact of Hurricane Sandy/“Frankenstorm”, which is forecasted to strike our area beginning Sunday evening and continuing through the end of the day Tuesday. We expect record flooding, strong winds, storm surge, road closures, utility disruptions, and other damage as a result of the storm. Neptune Township is monitoring the National Weather Service forecasts and working closely with Monmouth County and State of New Jersey Emergency Management agencies to coordinate preparations and emergency actions in connection with this storm.

Those planning to evacuate should do so during daylight hours on Sunday. It is recommended that you should strongly consider evacuating if any of the following conditions apply to you and/or your family:

- You are dependent upon electric for Special Needs equipment
- You live in a flood-prone area
- You live along any body of water (Ocean, River, Stream, Lake)
- You live in a mobile home or a home that is not suited for high winds
- You feel unsafe in your home
- You are not prepared to remain in your home without power or the ability to leave for three (3) days.

The Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management will be opening regional shelters on Monday morning, October 29, 2012. Neptune residents seeking shelter are urged to re-locate with friends or family outside of the expected storm area by Monday morning. If such shelter is not available, you may consider locating at a County shelter or an American Red Cross shelter.

Neptune Township will open a transportation center where residents without transportation will be received and assigned to buses that will transport them to regional and county shelters. This transportation facility will be at the Neptune High School and will be staffed during daylight hours on Monday. This facility will close when conditions are no longer safe to conduct such an operation. As such, residents are strongly urged to seek shelter Sunday and not to wait until Monday morning to react.

Please review the attached Hurricane Safety information provided to protect you, your family, and your home.

This is expected to be the 100 year storm event. Significant flood conditions and tropical storm force winds are projected to remain in our area for more than twenty-four (24) hours. If this storm continues as projected, we can expect conditions more severe than we have experienced in our area in at least sixty (60) years. As such, residents should strongly consider securing their homes, moving vehicles to high ground, and seeking shelter with friends, or family outside of the expected impact area, or at one of the designated shelters.

If you are unable to evacuate yourself, you are encouraged to contact the Neptune Municipal Office at 732-988-5200 extension 230, 231, 234, 235, or 236 to arrange for transportation to a regional shelter. The phones will be staffed for this purpose from 10:00 AM tomorrow (Saturday, October 27, 2012) until 6:00 PM and on Sunday, October 28, 2012 from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The Township will cease evacuation activities at nightfall on Sunday.

It is very possible that public safety assets (Police, Fire, EMS, and OEM) and all Township Departments will become unavailable or will have significantly delayed response times during this storm as we must ensure for the safety of our staff. Responders may not be deployed when sustained winds exceed 40 mph or wind gusts exceed 60 mph, when roads are impassable, when flood conditions prevent safe access, or when other conditions prohibit safe emergency operations.

Residents are urged to use 9-1-1 only for true life threatening emergencies. Abuse of the 9-1-1 system may result in delays in deploying emergency resources to actual emergencies.

Please work with us to ensure for the safety of all residents. Our goal is to prepare, not to create panic.