

October 2, 2015

**Re: Nor'easter and Hurricane Joaquin update**

Dear Mayor,

This is an update on the nor'easter and in anticipation of Hurricane Joaquin. (For a copy of the League's letter of October 1, please go to: <https://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/256>)

Earlier today, the Governor convened key members of his cabinet for a conference call with local officials to update them on State preparation for the anticipated weather events expected to impact the State over the next few days. The good news is that the latest tracking models indicate that Hurricane Joaquin is taking a more easterly track and not making landfall, thereby mitigating impact in New Jersey. However, the State, particularly portions of South Jersey, will likely face significant impacts from the nor'easter hitting the State today and into tomorrow, including:

1. Moderate to Major flooding in regions of the State, with potential for significant tidal flooding in Salem, Cumberland, as well as Atlantic and Cape May in particular. Moderate flooding is possible in other sections of the State;
2. Wind-related impacts, particularly in coastal regions with wind gusts up to 60 mph and sustained winds gusts of 30-40 mph;
3. Significant rainfall through Saturday, though the latest models have decreased the potential rainfall; and
4. Significant beach erosion from Point Pleasant Beach down to Cape May.

Further,

1. The Department of Environmental Protection is closely monitoring water quality and has found no significant issues.
2. The Board of Public Utilities advised that while the number of power outages is currently low, additional power outages are very likely. Electric Utilities have begun the process to bring in additional crews.
3. The Department of Communities Affairs advised of the Local Finance Notice, which we reported in our 2nd advisory to you yesterday (<https://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/256>). Additionally, the State Department of Treasury's Division of Purchase and Property has updated their list of State Contracts pertaining to emergency preparation, response and recovery efforts. This updated list (current as of 10/2) is available at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/hurricane-coop.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/hurricane-coop.shtml).

4. Acting Attorney General Hoffman advised that the Division of Consumer Affairs has set up a hotline to report any suspected price gouging, that number is (973) 504-6240.
5. Consumer Affairs press release is online at:  
[www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/News/Pages/10022015.aspx](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/News/Pages/10022015.aspx).

The Governor has scheduled another call for tomorrow morning (October 3rd) at 11:00am, during which Ocean, Cape May, Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem County officials will be provided with pertinent follow-up information regarding severe weather preparations. This conference call is a "listen only" call.

Dial in number: (800) 260-0718  
Participant Access Code: 370515  
Title: New Jersey Weather

The League is closely monitoring the situation and will continue to provide updates.

Very truly yours,

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