

TROPICAL STORM JOAQUIN ADVISORY

In preparation for the low pressure system moving up the coast that has now turned into tropical storm Joaquin, I want to advise and remind residents east of Third Avenue to keep a close eye on this tropical storm as it nears the US. Forecasters still do not have a confident read on this system as far as its expected path; however, they seem quite certain that we can expect heavy rainfall and high winds throughout the remainder of this week and into the weekend. I am asking residents east of Third Ave that live in flood prone areas to park vehicles on higher ground. The recent heavy northeast winds we have experienced over the last week have eroded our beaches somewhat which has helped clear out the outfall pipes. The Borough will continue to monitor the outfall pipes and clear them when accessible. If we do get flooding in the First Ave areas, the Police Department will detour traffic off First and Second Avenues onto Third Avenue. Our Chief is also asking all residents to refrain from parking on Third Ave so it can be used as a clear detour route as needed in times of flooding. The Borough does have pumps deployed and are ready to use them in times of heavy rains and flooding. I want to remind residents that we are in the peak of hurricane season and you should have an emergency evacuation plan in place in the event we get hit with a substantial storm.

Remember the three steps in preparing and planning for a storm,

1. Have an emergency supply kit;
2. Make a plan for you, your family and pets;
3. Stay informed.

For more information on preparing and planning for severe weather, go to New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and click on “your kit/plan” or any of the links listed below.

If you have any questions, please call the Sea Girt Police Department (732) 449-7300.

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FEMA Encourages Families and Communities to Participate in National PrepareAthon! Day

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is encouraging individuals, families, workplaces, schools, and organizations across the nation to take part in National PrepareAthon! Day on September 30th, 2015. Extreme weather is occurring more often across the United States, which is increasing the costs of natural disasters. According to a recent survey conducted by FEMA, fewer than half of Americans have discussed and developed an emergency plan with their household.

As part of National Preparedness Month and National PrepareAthon! Day, FEMA is encouraging everyone to develop and practice their family emergency plan to prepare for disasters that are known threats in their communities.

“The first step in preparing yourself and your family is learning the type of disasters that can happen where you live,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “Your family may not be

together when disaster strikes. Developing an emergency communication plan doesn't cost a thing, and the time you've invested beforehand will make it easier for your family to reconnect."

National PrepareAthon! Day is part of America's PrepareAthon!, a nationwide grassroots campaign for action to increase community preparedness and resilience through hazard-specific group discussions, drills, and exercises. The campaign offers easy-to-implement preparedness guides, checklists, and resources to help individuals, organizations, and communities prepare for the types of disasters that are relevant to their area. People can take these simple steps to increase their preparedness:

1. **Create a family emergency communication plan.** Visit ready.gov/prepare and download [*Be Smart. Take Part: Create Your Family Emergency Communication Plan.*](#) Collect the information you need, decide on the places you will meet in case of an emergency, share the information with your family, and practice your plan.
2. **Sign up for local text alerts and warnings and download weather apps.** Stay aware of worsening weather conditions. Visit ready.gov/prepare and download [*Be Smart: Know Your Alerts and Warnings*](#) to learn how sign up for local alerts and weather apps that are relevant for hazards that affect your area.
3. **Gather important documents and keep them in a safe place.** Have all of your personal, medical, and legal papers in one place, so you can evacuate without worrying about gathering your family's critical documents at the last minute. Visit ready.gov/prepare and download [*Be Smart: Protect Your Critical Documents and Valuables*](#) for a helpful checklist.
4. **Create an emergency supply kit.** Be prepared for bad weather by creating an [*emergency supply kit*](#) for each member of your family. Visit ready.gov/build-a-kit for more ideas of what to include in your kit.

Visit the America's PrepareAthon! website, ready.gov/prepare for more information, to sign up, and to register your participation.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

**THERE IS NO RECYCLING PICK-UP TOMORROW,
SEPTEMBER 30 (5TH WEDNESDAY)**

FINAL BULK PICK-UP FOR THE YEAR: MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

**NO CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF LEAVES UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 15
NO LEAVES LEFT ON ROUTE 71 OR WITHIN 15 FEET OF STORM DRAINS AT
ANY TIME**

**OCTOBER 12, COLUMBUS DAY – NO TRASH PICK-UP; ZONES 1 AND 2 WILL BE
PICKED UP ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION NO. 1:

Mosquitos May Hang Around Until Halloween

Although summer seems to be coming to an end with Fall temperatures rolling in, mosquitos are not going anywhere just yet. Monmouth County Regional Health Commission (MCRHC) Health Officer Dave Henry says “Mosquitos bite until the first heavy frost (usually at end of October). That means residents are still at risk of getting mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). “

Both WNV and EEE are transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. New Jersey has already seen 10 human cases of WNV and 2 fatalities (in Passaic and Monmouth counties). MCRHC continues to monitor mosquito-borne illness activity and is working closely with the Department of Agriculture and the Monmouth County Mosquito Commission.

Most WNV infections produce no symptoms in people, or symptoms are mild or moderate. About 20% of those who are infected with WNV produce mild symptoms including: fever, headache, and body aches, often with skin rash and swollen lymph glands. Persons age 50 years or older and immune-compromised individuals are at a higher risk of developing a more severe infection.

Henry continued, “Residents should take proper precautions to reduce their chances of bites by using mosquito repellents and limiting outdoor activity when mosquitos are most active, during dawn and dusk.”

In addition to reducing outdoor activity during dawn and dusk, residents should take the following precautions:

- Eliminate stagnant water around the home in discarded tires, blocked gutters, unclean birdbaths, and any type of receptacle with decaying organic matter.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
- Make sure screen doors and windows are in good condition.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants.
- When outside, apply insect repellent to exposed skin. Always use an EPA-approved repellent according to the directions on the product label.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. Do not apply repellents containing permethrin directly to exposed skin.
- Maintain your swimming pools. Empty or cover swimming pools when not in use.

If you have any questions, call the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission at 732-493-9520.

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