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PRESS RELEASE

USE CAUTION DURING HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM WEATHER

Newington, N.H. – Residents and visitors are reminded to use caution during upcoming hurricane weather. Hurricanes/tropical storms cause strong winds that can cause extensive damage in coastal and inland areas.

Hurricane Lee is expected to start to impact the seacoast area late overnight Friday into Saturday morning and last throughout the day Saturday and through Saturday evening. Although it doesn't appear that we will have any significant rainfall, strong tropical storm force winds will be the concern. Sustained winds along the immediate coastline are expected to be around 50-60mph with 40-50mph farther inland.

Understand Hurricane Dangers and Prepare

- Listen to the radio or TV for information and updates.
- Follow NH HSEM on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram for the latest updates and recommendations.
- Tie down or bring indoors any objects that might be blown around by strong winds (outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans, display racks, signs and any other loose objects that are normally left outside).
- If you own a boat, determine how and where to moor and secure it.
- Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- If you are advised to evacuate, lock the doors when you leave.
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- Keep rain gutters and downspouts clear of debris.
- If you are under a hurricane or tropical storm warning, it means that it is expected to affect your area within 36 hours. It is important to be aware and knowledgeable on what's happening, listen to news reports, secure important items to higher ground and get ready to make the decision on whether you need to evacuate.
- Learn more about Family Emergency Plans, Emergency Contact Cards, and Emergency Kits at ReadyNH.gov.

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Be Safe After a Hurricane

- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Stay off the streets. If you must go out, watch for fallen objects, downed electrical wires, and weakened walls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks.
- Stay away from loose, dangling, or downed power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes. If you have any doubts about safety, have your residence inspected by a qualified building inspector or structural engineer before entering.
 - Use battery-powered flashlights in the dark and when examining buildings. Do NOT use candles.
- If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone outside quickly. Turn off the gas, using the outside main valve if you can, and call the gas company. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.
- Check for sewer and water pipe damage. If you suspect sewage lines are damaged, avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid using water from the tap.
- Watch your pets closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Use extreme caution when encountering debris.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- Never use a generator inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, sheds, or similar areas, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide can quickly build up in these areas and can linger for hours, even after the generator has shut off.

If You Should Have An Emergency or Issue

- Call 9-1-1 to report any emergencies.
- If you have a non-emergency issue, call the fire station at (603) 436-9441 x3
- Learn more about hurricane and flooding preparedness at ReadyNH.gov.