

TOWN OF HAWLEY HURRICANE ALERT

The National Weather Service is predicting possible Tropical Storm conditions throughout New England, including in the area of Hawley, beginning this Sunday (August 22) and continuing into Monday. This is related to the landfall of Tropical Storm Henri. The most likely implications for Hawley would be high winds, flooding, possible damage to roads and buildings, and possible phone and electrical outages.

As all of us who were here for Tropical Storm Irene will remember, this situation is nothing to laugh at. Town Officials are taking measures to ensure Hawley is ready for the worst case scenario, though we are hopeful that will not happen. The Emergency Operations Center at the Fire Station in East Hawley, as well as the Town Office in West Hawley, are being prepared and will be staffed if the need arises. We will put out important notifications via the town website (www.townofhawley.com) and critical notifications will also go out via the emergency phone system. We also have trucks with PA systems onboard if everything else fails. We encourage you to monitor local broadcast media, the National Weather Service's radio network, and the National Weather Service's website (www.weather.gov) for additional information.

This is a time for all residents to revisit your emergency preparations.

Everyone should check what they have on hand in case of a prolonged period without being able to travel. As always, the Town advises residents to have at least 7 and, if possible, 14 days of food, necessary medications, and other essential items on hand.

Be prepared for a possible sustained power outage. If you have a generator, now is the time to ensure it is running and that you have adequate fuel for it.

We recommend people have bottled water, (or jugs of drinkable water filled from your well or spring), on hand BEFORE the storm strikes.

Please keep your cellular phone charged. If you have a battery operated radio, make sure the batteries are charged. If you have a landline, please make sure you have a corded phone that does not need a power source other than the landline itself.

Though we do not anticipate an evacuation at this time, preparations for evacuation should still be made, particularly for those living in low lying areas, for example below the Hallockville Pond dam or along the Chickley River. Please keep your car fully fueled. Have a bag with a change of clothes, any necessary medication, snacks, water, ID, and important documents ready to go. If you don't normally buy things with cash, now is a time to make an exception and put some cash in your wallet. If the storm causes widespread infrastructure damage, the networks on which credit and debit transactions rely might not be functioning; past experience in other areas has proven this.

Important Numbers:
For Emergencies, Call 911

Town Hall 413-339-5518
4267

Fire Station/EOC: 413-339-

Fire Chief Cox: 413-339-5526
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