

Storm Emergency Information:

For Electric Service Restoration Information, please visit your Electric Utility Company's website. Links to the company storm sites are listed below.

Atlantic City Electric

<http://www.atlanticcityelectric.com/home/emergency/>

Jersey Central Power & Light

http://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/jersey_central_power_light.html

Public Service Electric & Gas

http://www.pseg.com/home/customer_service/outage_info/index.jsp

Orange & Rockland

<http://www.oru.com/energyandsafety/storms/index.html>

For Gas Service Restoration:

Elizabethtown Gas Company

<http://www.elizabethtowngas.com/Home/ContactUs.aspx>

NJ Natural Gas Company

<http://www.njng.com/safety/emergency.asp>

Public Service Electric & Gas

http://www.pseg.com/home/customer_service/outage_info/index.jsp

South Jersey Gas Company

<http://www.southjerseygas.com/natural-gas-safety/severe-weather-tips.html>

For Water Restoration:

Gordons Corner

<http://www.gordonscornerwater.com/>

New Jersey American Water

<http://amwater.com/njaw/customer-service/contact-us.html>

Middlesex Water

<http://www.middlesexwater.com/>

Aqua-NJ

<https://www.aquaamerica.com/NewJersey/Pages/Home.aspx>

United Water-NJ

<http://www.unitedwater.com/newjersey/customer-service.aspx>

Shorelands

<http://www.shorelandswater.com/>

AC Sewer

<http://www.acsewerage.com/>

The regulated water and wastewater utilities and their phone numbers and also be found at:

<http://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/water/regulatedwater.pdf>

and

<http://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/water/regulatedwastewater.pdf>

Downed Power Lines

Wires installed on utility poles carry electricity. And when wires are down, they are dangerous—electricity can still flow through them.

Never assume that a downed power line is not energized, as it still could be “live.”

TO REPORT A DOWNED WIRE: Contact your local energy provider. Their information can be found **here**. They will ask for the nearest cross street or the number of a nearby pole that has not been damaged and is away from any downed wires. The pole number can be found on the metal tag attached to the pole.

The bottom line: Never go near or touch an electrical wire. Never go near or touch anything or anyone that has come in contact with an electrical wire.

- Stay at least 300 feet away from all downed wires--and keep others from going near them as well. Call your local energy provider or the police or fire department immediately.
- Any wire on the ground or hanging from a pole must be considered live and dangerous. Telephone and cable TV wires may be entangled with electric wires and must also be treated as live and dangerous.
- Be especially careful and try to avoid driving or parking a vehicle near downed wires. If downed wires are in the street, near the curb, or on the sidewalk, use extreme caution. Never drive over downed power lines.

- In the event that a wire comes down on a vehicle with passengers, stay in the vehicle until professional help arrives to safely remove you from the vehicle.
 - If you MUST get out of the vehicle because of fire or other life-threatening hazards, jump clear of the vehicle so that you do not touch any part of the car and the ground at the same time. Jump as far as possible away from the vehicle with both feet landing on the ground at the same time.
 - Once you clear the vehicle, shuffle away, with both feet on the ground, or hop away, with both feet landing on the ground at the same time. Do not run away from the vehicle as the electricity forms rings of different voltages. Running may cause your legs to "bridge" current from a higher ring to a lower voltage ring. This could result in a shock. Get a safe distance away.
- Never use water on an electric fire, burning vehicle or wire, or extend a pole or stick that can create a path through which the electricity can travel. Our human instinct is to reach out to help, but touching an individual who has been energized also provides a path through which electricity can travel. Having two people injured instead of one means that nobody can get help. Call 911 for help immediately.
- Do not attempt to cut or remove a tree that is, or could become, entangled with power lines. Contact your local energy company for assistance and wait for a professional tree removal crew to do the job. If you think the tree is dangerous, stay in a sheltered area away from the tree.
- Do not throw objects up into power lines, as this can cause short circuits that could result in injuries. This includes items you might not consider conductive, such as ropes and strings.
- Teach children never to play around electric equipment and never to touch power lines. They could be seriously injured or killed if they touch live electrical equipment.
- Look up! Always examine your surroundings for power line locations before doing any outside work.

(Information was gathered from PSE&G's website to provide these safety types
<http://www.pseg.com/home/index.jsp>)

The NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) is advising that you can stay informed about emergencies and disasters that are occurring in New Jersey, and what the NJOEM is doing to help NJ residents during adverse conditions. NJOEM uses a variety of public information tools to communicate emergency information, and also information regarding weather closings, early dismissals, delayed openings, etc.

On the Web - Use credible websites to get information about natural hazards and emergency preparedness.

The NJOEM works closely with the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center regarding storm predictions and forecasts.

- National Weather Service - <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/phi/>
- National Hurricane Center - <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- New Jersey Office of Emergency Management - www.ready.nj.gov

Social Media - Social media and other advanced communications technologies are used by the NJOEM and by

emergency managers statewide.

- Find out if your community has a "reverse 9-1-1" system or if you can opt-in for email updates from

municipal officials.

"Like" the NJOEM on Facebook, follow it on Twitter, or subscribe to the NJ State Police (NJSP) on Nixle Connect.

NJOEM on FB: www.facebook.com/READYNEWJERSEY

NJOEM on Twitter: @NJOEM2010

NJ State Police FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyStatePolice>

NJSP on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NJSP>

NIXLE - New Jersey residents can register to receive messages by sending a text message with their zip code to 888777 (data rates may apply depending on your plan). Online registration is also available at www.nixle.com.

NJ Alert - NJ Alert is a free, voluntary and confidential emergency alerting system that allows NJ Office of Emergency Management officials to send E-mail or text messages to cell phones, and other email enabled devices during an emergency event. Sign up for NJ Alert by logging on to: www.njalert.gov.

CMAS - the Community Mobile Alert System - this nationwide system is now being employed by the National Weather Service to automatically transmit severe weather Warnings (but not Watches) to your cell phone. A warning means the hazard is imminent; a watch means conditions are favorable for the hazard to occur. Your cellphone must be WEA (Wireless Emergency Alert) enabled to receive these messages, so it depends on the make/model of the phone. Example: the iPhone 4 was not WEA-enabled, but iPads and iPods using the new Apple iOS6 are WEA-enabled. Also - nationwide - the wireless carriers are still building out the system, so expect greater use in the future. There is an opt-out option, but we recommend that you do not opt-out of receiving these NWS messages. Read about WEA alerts here:

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/WEA/WEA.php>

NOAA Weather Radio - is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service Office. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. NOAA Weather Radios are typically inexpensive, easily available in stores and can often be programmed for your specific area.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

Traditional Media - Continue to monitor traditional media sources - TV, newspapers and radio - to stay informed of breaking news and continued coverage of emergency events.