

SPECIAL WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Long Hill Township Office of Emergency Management, along with the Morris County Office of Emergency Management continues to keep a close eye on the path and storm track of Hurricane Joaquin. Our preparedness planning processes are in full motion. Our agencies have elevated their operational status within their respective Emergency Operations Center. Governor Christie has declared a state of emergency to allow for emergency management groups to direct and activate emergency operations plans and response as needed.

Our focus remains on Sunday night and Monday. Keep in mind that the storm track continues to change and we are not locking into any specific model at this time since significant variability currently exists. Please continue to monitor your local weather forecast for up to date information for our area. We encourage the public to look at travel plans and preparedness activities ahead of the storm.

First Energy/Jersey Central Power and Light has activated storm plans and additional crews have already been mobilized ahead of the storm. The First Energy customer call centers will be fully staffed. Customers who are without power are encouraged to call 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877) to report their outage or click the "Report Outage" link at www.firstenergycorp.com

FirstEnergy customers also can subscribe to email and text message alert notifications to receive important information in advance of major storms, and updates on extended power outages. Customers can also use two-way text messaging to report outages, request updates on restoration efforts.

More information about these communications tools is available online at www.firstenergycorp.com/connect

As part of your emergency planning, Long Hill Township residents and business owners are highly encouraged to register for our Citizen Alert program. This system is utilized to broadcast emergency notifications by phone, email, and text. Sign up on the Township website www.longhillnj.gov and click on Citizen Alerts

For more information on emergency preparedness, please see the attached tips from our partners at the Morris County Office of Emergency Management or visit www.ready.nj.gov

More to follow as we continue to prepare for and monitor the storm.