



**Town of West New York**  
Office of the Mayor

**Press Release**

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**Possible Nor'easter Advisory**

***HIGH WIND WARNING IN EFFECT*** – *West New York Residents are urged to maintain caution and avoid unnecessary travel if possible.*

**ADVISORY:** The National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning for our area from 1:00AM Monday, January 23, 2017 until 1:00AM Tuesday, January 24, 2017 as well as a Flood Watch from Monday afternoon through late Monday night. Moderate to heavy rain will develop across the region Monday afternoon and continue into Monday night with rainfall amounts of 1 to 3 inches expected. The high tide combined with heavy rain Monday evening may exacerbate flooding along the Hudson River.

The strongest winds and rain are not expected until later in the day, however, the West New York Police Department and Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor later forecasts and will be prepared to act should flooding develop. Residents are urged to secure all property (including construction sites), ensuring unsecured objects from balconies and rooftops are brought indoors. Outdoor objects such as lawn furniture or garbage cans that could blow away and cause damage or injury should also be secured.

Remember, the safest place to be during high winds is indoors, if possible, try to postpone all outdoor activities. If you must go outside, stay alert for flying debris. Tree limbs may break and street signs may become loose during strong wind gusts. Keep an eye toward nearby balconies for loose objects that may fall.

Parents are reminded that the West New York Board of Education has closed all schools on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Residents in need of non-emergency assistance may call the **West New York Police Department** Command Center at 201-295-5000. For all emergencies, please call 911.

For the latest information, make sure you follow the Town's Facebook and Twitter page (@TownofWNY). You can also stay in touch via text by sending **07093** to the number **888777**. Below are some important warnings and tips from the National Weather Service and PSE&G.

**The National Weather Service has indicated the following warnings:**

- Winds – Northeast 30 to 40 MPH with gusts up to 60 to 70 MPH
- Timing – Winds could begin gusting as high as 45 MPH just before daybreak Monday. The strongest winds are expected Monday afternoon and evening.
- High Wind Impacts – damaging winds will blow down trees and power lines. Numerous power outages are expected.
- Travel – difficult, especially for high profile vehicles and on elevated roadway and bridges.
- Low Pressure will develop and strengthen off the Mid-Atlantic coast on Monday and then slowly track just south and east of the region Monday night into Tuesday. Moderate to heavy rain will develop across the region Monday afternoon and continue into Monday night. Rainfall amounts of 1 to 3 inches, with locally higher amounts approaching 4 inches expected. The highest amounts are expected closer to the coast.

## **Tips from PSE&G**

- Downed wires should always be considered “live.” Do not approach or drive over a downed line and do not touch anything it might be in contact with. If a wire falls on or near your car, stay inside the car, call 911, and do not get out until PSE&G de-energizes the line. If you MUST get out of the vehicle because it is on fire, jump as far as possible away from the vehicle, with both feet landing on the ground at the same time, and hop or shuffle away.
- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, do not run any gasoline powered engine, including generators and snow-blowers, in a garage or any other enclosed space.  
Avoid anything that may be touching downed lines, including vehicles or tree branches. Puddles can conduct electricity in some cases. Warn others to stay away.
- To report downed wires or power outages, call PSE&G’s Customer Service line at 1-800-436-PSEG. Also, customers can report outages by logging into their PSE&G account online or by texting “OUT” to 4PSEG (47734). The utility’s mobile-friendly website includes an “Outage Map” that is updated every 15 minutes and displays the location and status of power outages in PSE&G’s service area.

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