



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



Posted at 12:30 PM on 6/7/13...

Towns are advised to review their Emergency Operations Plans...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

Flood Watches have been issued for all of Connecticut from now through tonight and into the day on Saturday. A coastal flood advisory has also been issued for minor coastal flooding for the Connecticut coastline until just after midnight tonight. Regional radar is currently showing light to moderate rain over Connecticut at noontime. Heavier rainfall is now entering southern New Jersey and is expected here in Connecticut in 3 – 5 hours.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) continues tracking Tropical Storm Andrea. At 11:00 AM the Center of Tropical Storm Andrea was located at 34.4 North 79.5 West or approximately 90 Miles West of Wilmington, North Carolina. Andrea has maximum sustained winds of 45 MPH and is moving to the NE at 28 MPH. The NHC is forecasting that Andrea will continue in a NE direction and continue to accelerate up the East Coast for the rest of today. Andrea is forecast to weaken and become post-tropical this afternoon and move off the Mid-Atlantic Coast this evening. The remnants of Andrea are then forecast by the NHC to track close to Southeastern CT between 5:00 – 7:00 AM Saturday morning.

Connecticut and most of Southern New England are forecast to be on the wet side of the storm with 2 – 5" of heavy rainfall expected. There may also be some wind gusts along the immediate coast to 35 MPH at times. The following detailed forecast is based on the current NHC storm track:

This Afternoon...Rain becoming heavy at times between 3:00 – 5:00 PM. East Winds gusting to 25 MPH at times.

This evening and overnight...Rain heavy at times with urban and poor drainage flooding expected overnight. Small streams and flashy brooks may also see moderate flooding especially in urban areas. Minor flooding may also occur by late tonight on a few of the larger rivers (e.g. Housatonic and Farmington) in Western Connecticut. East winds are expected this evening, shifting to the Northeast overnight and gusting to 35 MPH along the coast and 25 MPH inland. Minor flooding may occur along the coast during high tide around 10:00 PM in Eastern Long Island Sound and around 11:30 PM in Western Long Island Sound.

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Saturday Morning...Rainfall tapering off to showers from South to North between 6:00 – 9:00 AM. Urban flooding is expected to quickly subside after the heavy rainfall ends, however rivers and streams may continue to rise for a few hours and crest late Saturday morning or Saturday afternoon.

Towns should report any significant flood damage to their DEMHS Regional Offices as conditions permit. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest updates and will send out another update on T.S. Andrea at 5:15 PM this afternoon.