

FLOOD WATCH
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MOUNT HOLLY NJ
1108 AM EST FRI MAR 12 2010

...HEAVY RAIN EXPECTED ACROSS THE REGION TONIGHT INTO SUNDAY MORNING...

A COMPLEX STORM SYSTEM WILL BE AFFECTING THE REGION THROUGH SUNDAY. AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE NATION WILL MOVE EASTWARD THROUGH SATURDAY. A SECOND LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM FORMING OFF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COAST WILL MOVE SLOWLY NORTHWARD INTO THE DELMARVA PENINSULA SATURDAY BEFORE TRACKING OFFSHORE.

...FLOOD WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 7 PM EST THIS EVENING THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING...

* PERIODS OF RAIN WILL OCCUR ACROSS THE AREA INTO SUNDAY MORNING. THE HEAVIEST RAIN IS ANTICIPATED TO OCCUR STARTING LATE TONIGHT AND ESPECIALLY DURING SATURDAY.

* WIDESPREAD TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 2 TO 4 INCHES ARE ANTICIPATED WITH THIS STORM, WITH LOCALLY UP TO 5 INCHES POSSIBLE.

GIVEN THIS AMOUNT OF RAIN, THE POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR AREAS OF DANGEROUS FLOODING TO DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. SMALL STREAMS AND POSSIBLY MAIN STEM RIVERS WILL REACH FLOOD STAGE. SMALLER STREAMS WILL RESPOND FIRST TO THE RAINFALL FOLLOWED BY THE LARGER RIVERS. FLOODING COULD BEGIN AS SOON AS LATE TONIGHT ALONG FAST RESPONDING CREEKS, WHILE THE LARGER, SLOWER RESPONDING RIVERS, COULD SEE FLOODING PERSIST INTO EARLY NEXT WEEK. IN ADDITION, THESE RAINFALL AMOUNTS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE FLOODING OF ROADWAYS AND AREAS OF POOR DRAINAGE.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A FLOOD WATCH MEANS THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING BASED ON CURRENT FORECASTS.

YOU SHOULD MONITOR LATER FORECASTS AND BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE FLOOD WARNINGS. THOSE LIVING IN AREAS PRONE TO FLOODING SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION SHOULD FLOODING DEVELOP.

Wind Advisory
URGENT - WEATHER MESSAGE
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...STRONG WINDS EXPECTED LATE TONIGHT AND SATURDAY...

.A LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM ORGANIZING OFF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COAST WILL INTENSIFY AS IT SLOWLY DRIFTS NORTHWARD TONIGHT INTO SATURDAY. MEANWHILE, A HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEM WILL BUILD INTO THE CANADIAN MARITIMES. BOTH WILL COMBINE TO INCREASE THE EAST TO NORTHEAST WINDS ACROSS THE REGION LATE TONIGHT AND SATURDAY.

A WIND ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 1 AM TO 1 PM EST SATURDAY.

AN EAST TO NORTHEAST SUSTAINED WIND WILL INCREASE AND AVERAGE 20 TO 30 MPH TONIGHT AND SATURDAY, WITH GUSTS AVERAGING AROUND 45 MPH. THE COMBINATION OF THE STRONG WINDS AND HEAVY RAIN WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR WEAK TREES, TREE LIMBS AND WIRES TO BE KNOCKED DOWN. AS A RESULT, SCATTERED POWER OUTAGES SHOULD OCCUR.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WIND ADVISORY MEANS THAT WINDS OF AROUND 45 MPH ARE EXPECTED. WINDS THIS STRONG CAN MAKE DRIVING DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY FOR HIGH PROFILE VEHICLES. USE EXTRA CAUTION ON BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES. WHERE POSSIBLE, DO NOT PARK VEHICLES UNDER TREES AND SECURE ANY OUTDOOR ITEMS.