



DUKES COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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HURRICANE LEE ADVISORY #2

SITUATION:

Hurricane Lee will make a close pass of Southern New England tonight and tomorrow. Impacts will be greatest across the Cape and Islands, where a Tropical Storm Warning is in effect. Wind gusts of 50-60 MPH are possible Saturday morning and 1-4" of rain from 8PM Friday until 8PM Saturday may cause flooding. A High Surf Advisory has been issued for Dukes County until 8AM Sunday. Storm surge combined with high tides may cause seawater inundation of 1-3'. The worst of this flooding would take place early morning on Saturday.

Dukes County Emergency Management Association continues to monitor the impending weather and is coordinating with community partners and local/state officials to prepare for Hurricane Lee.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

- Power outages
- Damaging winds
- Rough rip currents
- Localized beach erosion
- Storm surge, particularly during high tides
- Dangerous swimming and surfing conditions
- Flash flooding, especially in poor drainage areas
- Downed trees, particularly in densely wooded areas
- Hazardous driving conditions, particularly on bridges

BEFORE THE STORM:

- Ensure your home emergency kit and go bag are fully stocked and all items are up to date
- Charge your phone and electronic devices
- Fill a cooler with ice in case of loss of power
- Tune your portable radio to WMVY – 88.7FM
- Check on your friends, family and neighbors
- Stow or secure outdoor furniture, grills, garden equipment, dinghies, kayaks, boats, etc.

DURING THE STORM:





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- Shelter in place
- Stay in rooms away from areas that may possibly be damaged from wind
- If you lose power: An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours and a full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours

AFTER THE STORM:

- Survey the damage of your property after the danger has passed
- Contact friends, family and neighbors to offer assistance
- Aid first responders by not exploring post-storm

LOCAL RESOURCES:

- **Island Food Pantry** – Shopping hours on Saturday are closed, but all are welcome to go today from 1-2PM and/or Monday from 2-4PM. (Facebook & Instagram: [@islandfoodpantry](#))
- **Overnight Shelter** – There is a 10 person capacity for anyone who is currently unhoused or needs a safe place to ride the storm in the basement of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 34N Summer Street Edgartown. Volunteers will be staffing the shelter tonight until Saturday. Guests should check in between 5-8PM on Friday. No guests permitted after 8PM.
- **Vineyard Transit Authority** – Service will be adjusted based upon road conditions. Saturday dialysis transportation to Martha's Vineyard Hospital has been rescheduled for Friday and Monday. For more information and updates, visit: www.vineyardtransit.com (Facebook: [@MarthasVTA](#) | Instagram: [@vta_mv](#) | Twitter: [@VTA_MV](#))
- **Steamship Authority** – They do not expect service interruptions on Friday, but travelers taking trips later in the evening should monitor their website for cancellations in case high winds arrive ahead of the forecast. Cancellations are expected on Saturday, but all service will be on a trip-by-trip basis. They expect no further service interruptions on Sunday. Change and cancellation fees for any travel booked for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday (9/15-9/17) have been waived. To change or modify a reservation, visit www.steamshipauthority.com, call 508-477-8600, or visit one of the terminals. (Facebook: [@SeamshipAuthorityMA](#) | Instagram & Twitter: [@SteamshipMA](#))
- **Hy-line Cruises** – All service between Hyannis/Martha's Vineyard and direct inter-island service between Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket has been canceled for Friday and Saturday. (Facebook: [@hylinehouse](#) | Instagram & Twitter: [@hylinecruises](#))
- **MVY Airport** – JetBlue and Cape Air have canceled flights for Friday and Saturday.
- **Pets** – Call the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard at 508-627-8662 for emergency needs for small pets. (Facebook: [Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard](#) | Instagram: [@animalsheltermv](#))
- **Livestock** – Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society located at 35 Panhandle Road West Tisbury has barns available for temporary emergency large animal housing. Owners must provide their animals with bedding, food, and water and take care of them daily. Please email Facilities Manager Chris Lyons at facilities@mvasoc.org. (Facebook: [@mvasmv.org](#) | Instagram: [@mvagriculturalsociety](#))

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Sign up for CodeRED (<https://bit.ly/DCCodeRED>) & follow [@DukesCountyEM](#) on social media
- For Emergencies: Call 9-1-1
- To report power outages or downed power lines: Call Eversource at 1-800-592-2000

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