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Hurricane Henri Is Coming to Town, Darien: Get Ready for Possible Strong Gusts, Flooding, Outages

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Eversource says the gusts and rain from Hurricane Henri will cause power outages in some places, and an emergency message from the town reminded residents Saturday night that Darien could easily be one of them.

"Flood prone areas should be prepared for rainfall and flood conditions similar to or greater than what we experienced on July 9," the CodeRed message said.

If you live in a flood-prone area, consider getting elsewhere before the storm hits. Move your vehicles to higher ground — Darien has lots available on the south side of the Noroton Train Station and at Hindley and Tokeneke schools. Don't drive through flooded streets, the message warned. And train service has been suspended for Sunday.

"Eversource is preparing for prolonged widespread power outages possibly up to 10-days," the message said. "Cellular service and internet service may be impacted when the power goes out."

Eversource, in a news release, told the public:

"Now's the time to prepare with your family, and to check in on your neighbors who might need a hand," said Craig Hallstrom, president of regional electric operations. "Our crews will be out as soon as it's safe and will stay on the job until the power is back on."

Eversource urges customers to always stay clear of any downed wires and to report them immediately to 911. Be sure to report any outage online at www.eversource.com, or by calling 800-286-2000. Customers who signed up for the company's [two-way texting](#) feature can send a text to report an outage and receive outage updates as they happen.

Full Text of the Code Red Message

Good evening,

With the arrival of Hurricane Henri and its high winds and damaging gusts expected to arrive around 8 a.m. Sunday and continue throughout the afternoon.

Saturated soil and high winds will result in downed trees and power lines creating life safety hazards. Please remember to not travel over or under downed power lines.

The Town of Darien is asking all residents, especially flood vulnerable residents, to be aware that Hurricane Henri, in addition to the full moon, will bring heavy rains, high wind and storm surges which will lead to flooding.

Flood prone areas should be prepared for rainfall and flood conditions similar to or greater than what we experienced on July 9.

Rising flood waters can inundate homes and businesses very quickly and those residents in flood prone areas should consider evacuating early, as waiting too long can be life threatening and emergency responders may not be able to get to you.

Be proactive by moving your vehicles to higher ground as early as possible before the storm. Vehicles should be moved to Hindley or Tokeneke Schools and the south side of the Noroton Heights Trains Station. It is likely that areas of town will be rendered inaccessible by flooded roadways or downed trees and wires.

Flood waters are extremely dangerous, and you should never attempt to drive through them, as what lies

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below those murky waters can be devastating, may be much deeper than expected, or even open manholes and drain grates can have their tops displaced. Additionally, you should not enter flooded basements as there can be electrical hazards.

Eversource is preparing for prolonged widespread power outages possibly up to 10-days. Cellular service and internet service may be impacted when the power goes out.

Please utilize 911 for emergency communications only. For non-emergent calls like trees down or wires down utilize the routine line of the Darien Police Communications Division at (203)-662-5300. Report power outages directly to Eversource at (800)-286-2000.

The Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Service will make every attempt to reach you in an emergency, but non-life-threatening emergencies may not have personnel or equipment available to respond, all calls will be prioritized based on life safety. Emergency and utility responders may not be able to respond during periods of high winds.

Metro North is suspending service on the New Haven Line service for Sunday, August 21.

Thank you. Be safe.