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HURRICANE FLORENCE AND ABOVE AVERAGE RAINFALL

The Douglass Township Board of Supervisors wish to extend some preparedness tips to the residents about the approaching Hurricane that is expected to make landfall in the Carolinas some time on Thursday.

Although this storm is not expected to make a direct hit to our immediate area, it will in fact bring more rain to the already saturated region. Southeastern Pennsylvania has already experienced over 40 days of rainfall in this summer season. Residents should expect and start planning for flood prone areas to rise once again in the next few days. Rivers, streams and tributaries are already running at capacity. Please obey Road Closed barricades and signs, do not travel on any road where water is flowing over a roadway. You may not be able to see hidden hazards, or roadways that have been washed away due to flood waters.

If your home has suffered from flood or water damage within the last few months, you are encouraged to begin preparing now. If you are expecting water to enter your home you should begin the process of moving valuables, important documents, family photos, electronic devices and other irreplaceable items to a higher area of your home. If you have a sump pump, make sure that the pump is functioning properly before the storm arrives. If affordable, a spare sump pump can be purchased and will keep you prepared in the event of equipment failure.

Winds are expected to arrive with the approaching hurricane. With winds, residents may experience short or long term power outages and should plan accordingly. In the event of a power outage, do not call 911 to report the outage. Residents should contact Met-Ed at 1-888-544-4877 to report an outage in your area. If you observe downed or damaged wires, do not approach them, immediately dial 911 and report downed or damaged wires.

If you observe storm drains or culverts that are clogged or blocked by debris, please notify the Douglass Township Public Works Department at 610-367-0984. Please report any flooding and damage from flooding to the Douglass Township Office of Emergency Management at 610-367-6062. If you observe an emergency, please dial 911 immediately and report your findings.