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Bergen County Weather Information Bulletin March 22, 2024 @ 9:00 AM

National Weather Service Issues Flood Watch For Bergen County From 8AM Saturday Through 2AM Sunday

COUNTYWIDE:

Bergen County OEM is monitoring a storm system that will affect our area, with rain, starting around midnight tonight and continuing through midnight tomorrow night. The heaviest rain will occur on Saturday afternoon (12pm -6pm). Total rainfall is expected to be around 2 -3 inches for the entire event.

Runoff will result in minor to moderate flash flooding of rivers, small creeks, streams, and other low lying and flood prone locations. Urban flooding of low lying and poor drainage areas is likely.

Minor tidal flooding is possible for this event.

Hackensack River High Tide @ Hackensack: Saturday, Mar 23 – 9:37pm; Sunday, Mar 24 – 9:49am

Passaic River High Tide @ E. Rutherford: Saturday, Mar 23 – 8:40pm; Sunday, Mar24 – 8:52am

Saddle River at Lodi is expected to crest Saturday, at 0000 hours, at 5 ft

Winds will be 10-15 mph, with gusts to 30 mph. Winds may cause down tree limbs, resulting in power outages.

We will continue to monitor this situation and issue updates as necessary.

HACKENSACK RIVER WATERSHED AREA:

Bergen County officials have been in contact with Veolia Water company representatives regarding this event. All 3 dams are currently spilling. Since all dams are spilling, whatever rain falls upstream will be passed downstream. Keep in mind that this storm will continue to effect the reservoirs, with run off through Sunday evening, even after the rain stops in Bergen County. Officials should monitor the waterways in their communities and take action if necessary. Please be sure to take appropriate mitigation actions to protect flood prone properties.