

FEMA Urges Preparedness Ahead of Tropical Storm Henri

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA is tracking Tropical Storm Henri as it approaches the northeast, set to make landfall over the weekend. Now is the time to prepare for severe weather.

The [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service National Hurricane Center](#) forecasts Henri will reach the northeast coast on Sunday. The risk of storm surge, wind and rain impacts in portions of coastal New York and southern New England are increasing, and hurricane and storm surge watches are in effect for portions of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.

Storm surge could be up to 4 feet in areas, along with heavy rainfall, which may result in flash, urban and small stream flooding.

Anyone in the forecast path of the storm should monitor their local news for updates and directions provided by their local officials and [heed local evacuation orders](#).

FEMA Incident Management Assistance Teams and state liaison officers are on standby for deployment if necessary.

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Prepare for flooding and be prepared to evacuate if ordered to do so

- **Flood Insurance:** Your National Flood Insurance Program policy will [cover and reimburse certain actions](#) you take to minimize damage to your home and



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belongings before a flood.

- **Gather Supplies:** [Have enough supplies](#) for your household. Include medication, disinfectant supplies, face [masks](#) and [pet supplies](#). After a hurricane, you may not have access to these supplies for days or weeks.
- **Don't drive through flood waters:** Almost half of all flash flood deaths happen in vehicles. When in your car, look out for flooding in low lying areas at bridges and at highway dips. As little as 6 inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle.
- **Personal Safety:** Evacuate if told to do so. If you go to a community or group shelter, remember to follow the latest recommendations from [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) for protecting yourself and family from COVID-19](#).
- **Evacuating:** If you are in potentially affected areas, you should be familiar with evacuation routes, have a family emergency communications plan, keep a battery-powered radio handy and have plans for your family members and pets. If you are a person with disabilities, you may need to take additional steps to plan for both your needs and your service animal.

Visit [Ready.gov](#) or [listo.gov](#) to learn how you can keep yourself, your family and your pets safe.



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