

Storm Preparation Tips

from your friends at the Department of Public Works

Storm Basin/Drains are key systems during a major rain event:

- Please, help out your DPW by cleaning the leaves out of the storm basins by your house. There are thousands in town, and we can't possibly get to each one.
- Cleaning leaves off your lawn and the street in front of your house before the storm means less leaves end up in the storm basin.

If you can remove leaves from your gutters, that will improve drainage and move rainwater away from your home. Be sure that the gutters extend away from your house to help prevent flooding.

- ❖ Secure all outdoor furniture and/or planters in case of high winds.

If the storm is severe, please remove anything you might have curbside (items for which you have an appointment, or even leaf bags). If you are unsure whether to put your items out, err on the side of safety and reschedule your appointment.

- ❖ Ensure your sump pump is in good working order.

It's always a good idea to have flashlights and fresh batteries, one for each family member, at the ready.

- ❖ Be sure your battery powered radio has fresh batteries.

Here is a great resource for overall major weather situation planning:

New Jersey OEM Hurricane Survival Guide:

http://www.northbrunswicknj.gov/advisories/hurricane_survival_guide.pdf

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Stay safe, everyone!