

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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July 19, 2013 – 10:00 AM

OEM Advisory #33

EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING, HEAT ADVISORY & AIR QUALITY ALERT

URGENT - WEATHER MESSAGE - NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEW YORK NY
733 AM EDT FRI JUL 19 2013

WESTERN SUFFOLK - EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 11 AM THIS MORNING TO 8 PM EDT THIS EVENING.

EASTERN SUFFOLK - HEAT ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 11 AM THIS MORNING TO 8 PM EDT THIS EVENING.

- * **HAZARDS** - COMBINATION OF HIGH LEVELS OF HEAT AND HUMIDITY.
- * **HEAT INDEX VALUES - WESTERN SUFFOLK** UP TO 108 DUE TO TEMPS IN THE LOWER 90S AND DEWPOINTS IN THE LOWER 70S. **EASTERN SUFFOLK** UP TO 104 DUE TO TEMPS IN THE UPPER 80S AND DEWPOINTS IN THE LOWER 70S.
- * **TIMING** - HIGHEST HEAT INDEX VALUES WILL OCCUR DURING THE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING HOURS.
- * **IMPACTS** - IF NO PROTECTIVE ACTION IS TAKEN INITIAL IMPACTS INCLUDE FATIGUE, SUNSTROKE, MUSCLE CRAMPS, AND/OR HEAT EXHAUSTION OR HEAT STROKE ARE ALSO POSSIBLE.

TO REDUCE RISK DURING OUTDOOR WORK THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS SCHEDULING FREQUENT REST BREAKS IN SHADED OR AIR CONDITIONED ENVIRONMENTS. ANYONE OVERCOME BY HEAT SHOULD BE MOVED TO A COOL AND SHADED LOCATION. HEAT STROKE IS AN EMERGENCY...CALL 911.

Air Quality Alert

THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION HAS ISSUED AN **AIR QUALITY ALERT** IN SUFFOLK COUNTY IN EFFECT FROM 11 AM FRIDAY TO MIDNIGHT EDT FRIDAY NIGHT

WHEN POLLUTION LEVELS ARE ELEVATED THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOMMENDS THAT INDIVIDUALS CONSIDER LIMITING STRENUOUS OUTDOOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS. PEOPLE WHO MAY BE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO THE EFFECTS OF ELEVATED LEVELS OF POLLUTANTS INCLUDE THE VERY YOUNG, AND THOSE WITH PRE-EXISTING RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS SUCH AS ASTHMA OR HEART DISEASE. THOSE WITH SYMPTOMS SHOULD CONSIDER CONSULTING THEIR PERSONAL PHYSICIAN. A TOLL FREE AIR QUALITY HOTLINE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED SO NEW YORK RESIDENTS CAN STAY INFORMED ON THE AIR QUALITY SITUATION. THE TOLL FREE NUMBER IS: 1-800-535-1345.

PLEASE LISTEN TO NOAA WEATHER RADIO OR GO TO www.weather.gov ON THE INTERNET FOR MORE INFORMATION.