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Watching Hurricane Joaquin

"Cone of Uncertainty" Includes Long Island
and Greater New York Metro Area

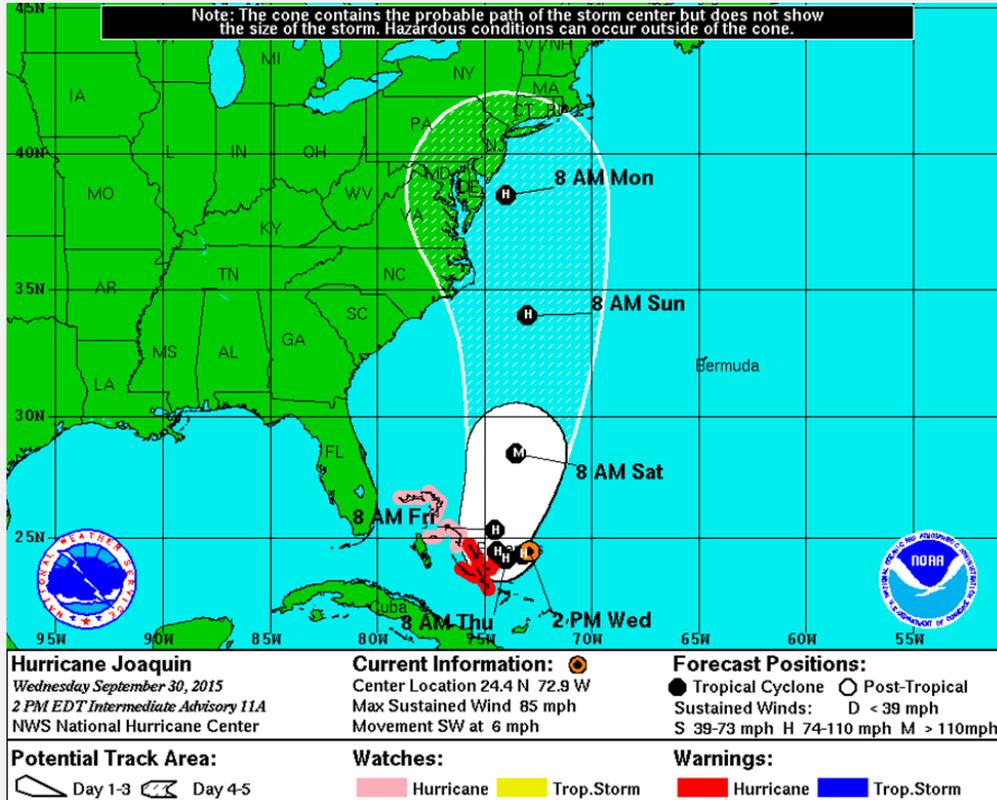


Photo: National Hurricane Center's Wednesday, September 30, 2015 "Coastal Watches/Warnings and 5-Day Forecast Cone for Storm Center" projection. Photo from the National Weather Service.

A significant storm may impact the area late this weekend into early next week. The exact storm track is uncertain, however, now is the time to prepare for the potential of high winds, heavy rain, substantial coastal flooding and possible power disruptions.

Stay Informed

In the days leading to a landfall, you should monitor local weather forecasts and advisories. [The National Weather Service](#) and its [National Hurricane Center](#) will provide you with updated alerts related to the storm.

Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued [recommendations](#) to help residents prepare for powerful storms. Should Hurricane Joaquin head toward Long Island, it is advised that in days leading

up to a landfall you:

- Listen to the radio or TV for information.
- Secure your home, close storm shutters and secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- [Turn off utilities](#) if instructed to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
- Turn off propane tanks
- Moor your boat if time permits.
- Ensure a [supply of water](#) for sanitary purpose such as cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Fill the bathtub and other larger containers with water.
- Find out how to [keep food safe](#) during and after an emergency.

And during the storm

- Stay indoors and away from windows and glass doors.
- Close all interior doors – secure and brace external doors.
- Keep curtains and blinds closed. Do not be fooled if there is a lull; it could be the eye of the storm – winds will pick up again.
- Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway on the lowest level.
- Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.
- Avoid elevators.

Suffolk County Code Red

Sign up for [Suffolk County's CodeRED](#) high-speed notification system. Emergency Officials will use this system to contact residents in the event of an actual or impending emergency.



Power Outages

If you lose power, please report the outage to [PSEG Long Island](#) at (800) 490-0075 or by Texting OUT to 773454. The text message method of reporting an outage requires a one-time registration. Please visit PSEG at <https://www.psegliny.com/page.cfm/CustomerService/ReportOutage/TextIn> to learn more about this option.

Remember: **any downed wire should be treated as if it is a live electric wire**. Keep people away from it and do not touch it. Any wire can become energized if it has come in contact with an electric wire somewhere along the system.



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