

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

James C. Rovella, Commissioner
Regina Y. Rush-Kittle, Deputy Commissioner

Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

HURRICANE HENRI UPDATE FROM DESPP/DEMHS AT 5:15 PM AUG 21st, 2021

HENRI CONTINUES ON A TRACK TOWARD CONNECTICUT...LATEST TRACK SLIGHTLY TO THE EAST WITH A LANDFALL EXPECTED NEAR OLD LYME, AT 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING...

At 5:00 PM Hurricane Henri was located at Lat. 36.3 North Long. 71.4 West or approximately 335 miles south of Montauk Point, Long Island. Henri is moving to the north northeast at 18 MPH with maximum sustained winds of 75 MPH.

For this evening and overnight, Henri is forecast to continue moving up the U.S. east coast, remaining 200 – 300 miles off-shore. The first effects of Henri are still expected to begin between 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM Sunday morning. Wind and rain are expected to steadily increase during the late morning and thru the afternoon. Henri is now forecast to make landfall near Old Saybrook, CT Sunday evening between 6:00 – 7:00 PM as a strong tropical storm with sustained winds of 65 MPH and gusts to 80 MPH.

Moderate to Major Coastal Flooding Expected: High tide on Sunday occurs in New London at 9:49 AM and 10:10 PM and in Bridgeport at 11:52 AM and 12:10 AM Monday morning. A storm surge of 3 feet is expected to cause high end moderate flooding along the west and central coast (west of the storm track) during the times of high tide. Major flooding is possible east of the storm track along the southeastern coast with storm surges of up to 5 feet.

Moderate River and Major Urban Flooding Expected: Henri is forecast to bring 4" – 8" of rainfall to western CT and 2" – 4" in eastern CT. This rainfall will likely cause moderate to major urban flooding and moderate river and stream flooding in western CT and minor to moderate urban and small stream flooding in eastern CT Sunday afternoon and evening.

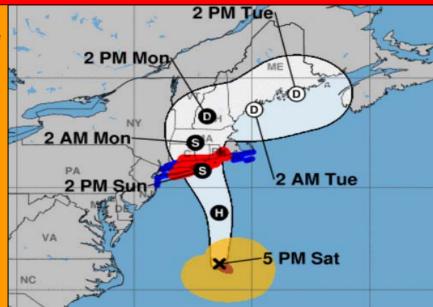
Moderate to Major Tree and Powerline Damage Possible: Winds may gust to 65 – 80 MPH at times in southeastern CT Sunday afternoon and evening with wind gusts of 40 – 60 MPH across the rest of the state. These strong wind gusts could cause major tree and powerline damage across the state.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to closely monitor the progress of Henri. The next update on Henri will be sent out at 8:15 AM Sunday morning.

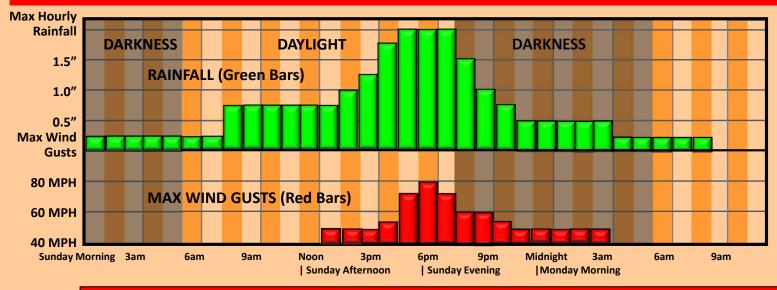
HAZARDS EXPECTED ON SUNDAY

PRIMARY HAZARDS CURRENT NHC FORECAST TS Strong TS Hurricane Cat 3 Hurricane Sustained Winds: 65 MPH Gusts to: 80 MPH Minor Moderate Major Tornadoes: 2% Urban Flooding: Major River Flooding: Moderate Coastal Flooding: Mod/Major

NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER FORECAST



MAXIMUM WIND GUST (COAST) AND HEAVY RAINFALL TIMING (WESTERN CT)



Landfall In: 25 Hours

Evacuation Starts In: TBD

Evacuation Ends in: TBD