FAQs Hurricane Sandy 2012 Updated Friday, October 26, 12:00p.m.

What is the status of the storm?
We ask residents and second homeowners to monitor weather forecasts as Hurricane Sandy approaches. Residents and business owners should take preparation for potential high winds and flooding.

Residents, contractors and business should secure loose items such as patio furniture, flags, lawn signs, building materials, etc. Everyone should prepare for possible power outages and possible relocating of vehicles during high tides.

Where can I get information during a power outage?
Please check the City's website www.ocnj.us from battery operated devices. Longport media radio station WOND will broadcast storm and emergency information on radio stations 1400 AM with simulcasts during a storm on 102.7 FM.

Do I have to evacuate?
At this time a Mandatory evacuation is not in place. However, we ask residents and second homeowners to use their best judgment. Residents in usual flooding areas or who are uncomfortable with potential power outages should make arrangements with family or friends. At this time everyone should begin to prepare for possible flooding and potential power outages.

I live out of Ocean City when can I inspect my home in Ocean City?
We ask that after the storm you do not return until notified by local media and the city's website that it is safe to return.

What should I do with my pets?
If you leave, pets should go with the family. The essential needs of your pets should also be included in emergency kits.

How far inland should I go?
You should use your best judgment and go to the homes of friends or family where you feel safe.

Do I have to turn off my Utilities (Electric/Gas)?
No this is not recommended.

Will my trash & recycling be picked up?
The trash and recycling schedule has not been changed at this time.

Can we go to the beach during the storm?
Beaches will be closed until further notice is provided. No one should enter the ocean.

Are any events cancelled?
The Dog of the Year ceremony has been postponed from Sunday October 28 to Sunday, November 4. Dune grass planting scheduled for Sunday October 28 is postponed until further notice.

Will we need to show identification to enter the City?
Access to Ocean City will not be determined by residency. Please check www.ocnj.us for updates on closures and storm status.

Will the Aquatic and Fitness Center and Library remain open?
At this time there are no plans to close the Aquatic & Fitness Center or Public Library. However, please stay tuned to Ocean City Channel 2 and www.ocnj.us for updates on closures and storm status.

Are Utility Companies turning off Electric and Gas?
The gas company will not be shutting off service to Ocean City. Atlantic City Electric does not plan to turn off electric. However, if the severity of the storm may cause the electricity to be turned off to avoid potential damages. Neither utility service will cut power to force evacuation.

Where do foreign workers go?
Employers of foreign workers concerned about flooding or power outages are requested to assist their employees in leaving Ocean City to a safe location.

What time are the high tides?
Bay High tides of concern are 7:50 AM Sunday Morning ;8:09 PM Sunday night; 8:27 AM Monday Morning; 8:46 PM Monday Night; 9:02 AM Tuesday morning; 9:23 PM Tuesday Night. These high tides will be severe due to the Full Moon, heavy rains and winds.