

# BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD

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Dear Residents,

As you are aware, Hurricane Irene is moving up the Eastern seaboard and is predicted to have a significant effect on our area by Sunday, August 28th. First and foremost I urge all residents to take ALL necessary precautions to secure your personal property and take every necessary precaution to protect the health and safety of your family as this is a major storm event that will carry with it high winds and sustained rainfall of up to 12 inches.

The Borough of Westwood is prepared to respond to this weather emergency for its duration. Personnel and equipment have been deployed and all of our Emergency services are on standby. Our OEM Coordinator has been monitoring the storm activity and preparations have been made for worst case scenario.

The Westwood Community Center on Jefferson Ave. is being set up as an emergency shelter for residents who may be displaced from their homes due to flooding or other emergency situations. We will have the gymnasium section available for pets. It is asked that you provide a crate for your dog, cat, or other small animal should you need to stay at the Community Center.

United Water has informed me that they will begin a controlled water release from the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir this evening. Please be advised that this action is being taken specifically for the protection of the integrity of the earthen dam. Hurricane Irene is a major storm event and will bring dangerous conditions to areas typically affected by flooding.

Please take all necessary precautions to secure your personal property and to insure the safety of your families.

The Borough will be doing everything possible to assist our residents during this weather emergency. We will keep you advised throughout.

Thank you,



John Birkner, Jr.  
Mayor