## **Mayor's Update**



A coastal storm, the first Nor'easter of the fall season, is expected to bring potentially heavy rain, flooding and damaging winds our way, according to the forecasting service the City of Newton uses to provide specific and detailed information for Newton.

The latest forecast this afternoon calls for additional showers mixed with downpours tonight and lasting through

tomorrow and into late Wednesday afternoon. Our main concern is the impact of 2" to 4" of rain expected through Wednesday afternoon, plus the wind that will peak tomorrow night with possible gusts of up to 55 – 60 miles per hour.

Given the saturated grounds and heavy winds, some flooding, downed trees and power outages are likely according to the forecast. (Never touch a downed wire. If you see one, report it to 911).

We pay close attention to weather forecasts because we do a lot of preparation before rain, snow, wind, heat or extreme cold. The Department of Public Works' street sweeping and catch basin cleaning operations have been ongoing and Police/DPW will be ready to close streets quickly in the event of downed power lines and trees. Newton's Forestry Division will have staff and contractors in place tomorrow to clear downed limbs and trees as quickly as possible.



How can you help?

Check storm drains near your property. If possible, please clear leaves yourself, or call Customer Service at 617-796-1000 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or the Utilities Division at 617-796-1640 (Monday – Friday 7 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) to request a drain be cleared.

As always, in an emergency, call 911.

If you lose power, report it directly to Eversource <u>here</u>, or call 877-659-6326 and, again, stay away from any downed wires.

We'll post updates at <u>newtonma.gov</u> as needed.

Warmly,

Ruthanne



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