



HURRICANE IRENE CENTERED NEAR DEL-MAR-VA PENINSULA...HEADING UP THE EAST COAST... WIND AND RAIN BEGINNING TO IMPACT COASTAL CONNECTICUT...

At 11:15 PM the center of Hurricane Irene was located at 37.3 North 75.4 West (Approximately 255 Miles South Southwest of New York City). Irene has maximum sustained winds of 80 MPH and is moving to the North Northeast at 16 MPH. Irene has re-emerged back out over the Atlantic Coast.

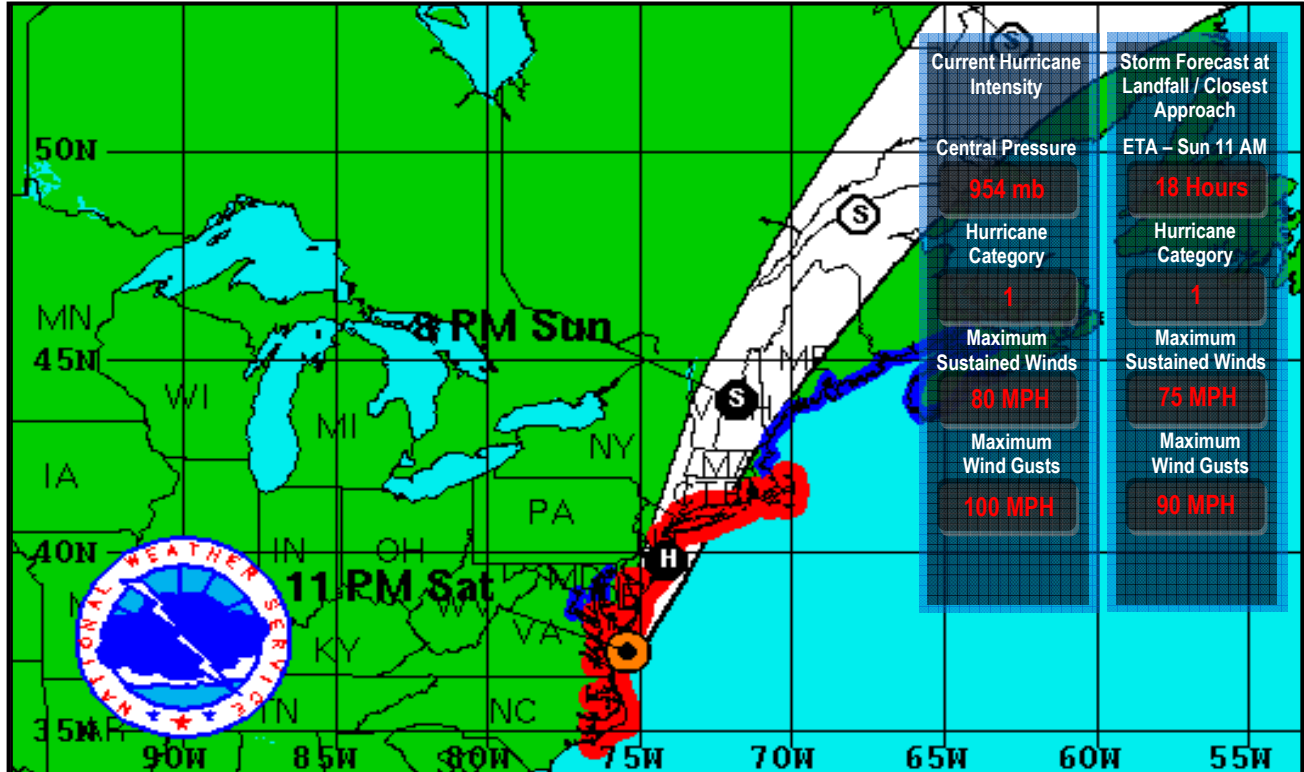
Irene is forecast to move up along the New Jersey Coast overnight and make landfall in the Stamford area around 10:30 AM as a minimal Category I hurricane. At 11:00 PM winds along the coast were gusting to 30 MPH in Bridgeport. Tropical Storm force winds are expected to arrive along the coast by 2:00 AM. Hurricane force wind gusts are forecast to arrive along the coast by 8:00 AM Sunday morning. Very heavy rain at times (especially in Western Connecticut) is expected to continue from midnight tonight through the passage of the center of Irene around 10:30 AM tomorrow morning and into the mid-afternoon.

After the passage of Irene a second period of strong West and Northwest winds is likely Sunday afternoon and early Sunday evening with wind gusts to 65 MPH at times.

River flooding from Irene is forecast to be major in Western CT and moderate in Eastern CT with the more severe flooding on smaller rivers and in urban areas. Moderate to major coastal flooding is possible with storm surges of 4 to 5.5 feet possible in Western Long Island Sound during high tide Sunday morning at 11:00 AM.

Irene is now approximately 12 hours from landfall and forecast confidence is high. Some small changes to the track forecast are still possible. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection will issue another update on Irene at 1:15 AM.

National Hurricane Center Storm Track Forecast



CURRENT WATCHES AND WARNINGS

Hurricane Warning in effect for Northern Connecticut

Tropical Storm Warning in effect for Northern Connecticut

Flood Watch for the Entire State

Tornado Watch for Fairfield County and Coastal Connecticut

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CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Location	Peak Wind Gust	Tide Surge
Bridgeport	30 MPH	+0.57 Feet
New Haven	NA MPH	+0.85 Feet
New London	24 MPH	+0.62 Feet
Meriden	6 MPH	
Danbury	7 MPH	
Hartford	12 MPH	

CURRENT RAINFALL

Falls Village	0.15"
Brookfield	1.40"
Greenwich	0.50"
Middlebury	1.50"
Wallingford	0.90"
Southington	0.55"
North Lyme	0.20"

CURRENT OUTAGES ACROSS CONNECTICUT

Utility	Current Outages	Last Hour
CL&P	410	307
UI	103	101
TOTALS	413	408