

Tropical Storm Warning for Delaware

Smryna – The [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) National Hurricane Center \(NHC\)](#) has issued a [Tropical Storm Warning](#) for the entire State of Delaware. A Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm-force winds, sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph, are expected within the next 36 hours.

Tropical storms are not just a threat to coastal communities. High winds, heavy rainfall, tornadoes, and flooding can occur throughout Delaware. The current forecast calls for heavy rain and tropical storm-force winds to begin in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Widespread three to five inches of rainfall is possible with isolated higher amounts; the higher amounts may be away from coastal communities and across the northern section Delaware. This will create strong potential for flash flooding. Rain and wind can also cause down trees and power lines leading to potentially extended power outages.

The [Delaware Emergency Management Agency \(DEMA\)](#), Emergency Operations Center remains active and has been closely coordinating with local, federal, voluntary, and non-profit agencies to prepare for this storm. DEMA encourages residents and visitors to prepare now. Here are some tips for what you can do today:

- Secure loose outdoor items such as patio furniture and grills.
- Clear drains around your house
- Ensure that you have an emergency plan, including where you could go if you need to leave your home.
- Have a plan for how to stay cool if the power goes out.
- Create an emergency kit with items such as non-perishable food, water, and extra medications, to sustain each member of your family plus pets for up to 7

days.

- Make sure to include extra cloth face coverings, hand sanitizer, soap, and disinfecting wipes due to COVID-19.
- Also ensure that your electronic devices are charged and that you have a backup battery bank.
- Finally, stay informed by monitoring the DEMA social media pages, local officials, and local weather. To sign up for emergency alerts [click here](#), and for preparedness tips: [PrepareDE.org](https://www.preparede.org).

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