

## **OCTOBER 27 NOR'EASTER**

Overnight on Wednesday, October 27 Falmouth and the Cape area experienced an extremely large and slow moving Nor'easter Storm event which has resulted in major impacts with temporary roadway flooding, downed trees and tree limbs and most significantly an extraordinary level of sustained power outages positioning over 95% of the Town without electric power during the height of this storm. Police, Fire, Public Works and Emergency Communications have worked tirelessly in preparing for and responding during and in the aftermath of this extreme storm event. The Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated as a matter of routine, going live in the earliest hours of this storm.

As of 4PM on Thursday, October 28, fully 74% of the Town yet remains without electrical power. The Town is working closely with EverSource and other utilities in proceeding in a steadfast manner to facilitate the safe restoration of power to all Falmouth customers. This, of course, involves the removal of damaged trees and tree limbs, some of which have become entangled with live electrical wires and which must be dealt with using extreme caution. Residents are urged to consider all downed wires which are encountered as potentially live – do not disturb them and report them to the EOC which will ensure that any danger is dealt with safely.

We continue to encourage residents to shelter in place and prepare for a multi-day recovery process for restoring electric power to homes and businesses. As in the past, the Town has opened Town Hall, the Senior Center and the Gus Cauty Community Center as warming centers for any residents that want to visit during daytime business hours to warm up, to access the internet, or to recharge your cell phones. Regular trash and recyclable pickup has been necessarily delayed by one day to allow the height of the storm to pass.

Given that the majority of streetlights in Town continue to be without power, we discourage any unnecessary vehicle travel after daylight hours. Further, although we have placed generators at a number of key intersections in Town, these same intersections are not operating routinely and it is important to exercise caution. Lastly, we greatly appreciate the continued patience and understanding of Falmouth residents as we work with EverSource representatives around-the-clock in the important process of restoring power. As always, should you experience an emergency you should dial "911." For those questions and

inquiries which are storm-related, please contact the EOC at: (508) 495-2602.  
Thank you.

Julian M. Suso,  
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4PM Thursday, October 28, 2021