



# FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS

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## **Fall River Residents Urged to Prepare for Hurricane Lee**

**(FALL RIVER, MA- SEPTEMBER 14, 2023)**- The Office of Mayor Paul E. Coogan, the Department of Community Maintenance and the City's Emergency Management Agency have been monitoring weather updates related to Hurricane Lee that is projected to pass the coast of Southeastern Massachusetts on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> into Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. **The City of Fall River is currently preparing for Tropical Storm force wind/gusts with some rainfall on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

In order to prepare for increased wind speeds, the City will have three tree crews on standby to address any fallen trees. Fall River residents are advised to please read this [Hurricane Preparedness Checklist](#) from the American Red Cross for reminders on best procedures for how to prepare for before, during, and after a hurricane/tropical storm. **Please see below important contact information for Fall River residents during the storm:**

### **Phone Numbers & Contact Information:**

- Department of Community Maintenance (for downed trees or branches): 508-324-2762
- Department of Community Utilities ( for sewer/storm drain flooding) : 508-672-4530
- Department of Community Utilities ( for Water Department related issues) :  
508-324-2721
- National Grid 1-800-465-1212

- Verizon: 1-800-VERIZON
- For members of our homeless population in need of shelter, please reach out to the First Step Inn at 134 Durfee St. or call 508-679-8001

For any important updates regarding the City of Fall River's preparation for Hurricane Lee, please follow [The City of Fall River Facebook Page](#).