

Town Clerk

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Subject: Central Hudson Thanksgiving wind storm advisory

To our municipal and elected officials:

Central Hudson issued the following news release today, advising residents to prepare for the potential for strong wind gusts throughout the region tonight and Thanksgiving Day that may cause electric service interruptions. Central Hudson is preparing for this storm by assembling crews and materials in the event of widespread power problems.

Should significant service interruptions occur, we will initiate our Community Briefings conference calls to update you on the storm and service restoration plans. If conference calls are scheduled, we will notify you in advance with the date, time and call-in information.

If you should have any concerns, please also do not hesitate to contact your Central Hudson District Director:

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News Release
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Wind Event May Cause Power Interruptions

Residents advised to use caution during Thanksgiving travel

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation advises local residents to be prepared for potentially strong, gusty winds forecasted tonight and through Thanksgiving Day. These conditions could cause electric service interruptions and dangerous driving conditions.

"Our customers should be prepared for the possibility of stormy weather conditions during one of the busiest travel days of the year," said Paul E. Haering, Senior Vice President of Engineering and Operations at Central Hudson. "We are closely monitoring the weather and are prepared to respond in the event of power interruptions. We will have additional line crews and Contact Center personnel working to respond to any outages.

"Our customers are also advised to take precautions," Haering continued. "Strong winds could damage trees and utility poles, bring down power lines and cause outages and hazardous conditions."

Haering stressed that residents should **stay at least 30 feet away from downed power lines**, and remember that lines may be entangled and hidden in fallen trees and limbs. "**Assume all downed lines are live**, and keep a wide distance from fallen trees and limbs," he said.

The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year, so Haering advised drivers to be especially careful due to the potential for downed limbs and power lines to block roadways. Never attempt to drive over or around downed power lines. In addition, Mid-Hudson Valley residents should prepare for the chance of a wintry mix of snow and sleet Sunday night into Monday. Wintry conditions may make travel even more hazardous.

Haering recommended ways in which customers can **prepare** for the storm and potential electric service interruptions by:

- Paying attention to weather advisories, storm outage updates and/or shelter information;
- Charging electronic devices in order to connect with <https://StormCentral.CenHud.com>;
- Keeping handy a flashlight and fresh batteries;
- Having a battery-powered radio to remain informed of restoration efforts;
- Confirming adequate packaged or canned foods that require no refrigeration or cooking;
- Avoiding opening a refrigerator unnecessarily during outages, so that food lasts longer;
- Having a non-electric can opener;
- Keeping an emergency supply of bottled water on hand for drinking and washing; and
- Filling bathtubs with water as added reserves.

Haering urged customers to keep **safety** in mind, particularly during power interruptions:

- **Stay at least 30 feet away from downed power lines**, and remember that lines may be entangled and hidden in fallen trees. **Assume all downed lines are live**;
- Never use outdoor gas or charcoal grills indoors, as they pose a fire hazard and over time can give off carbon monoxide gas;
- Beware of fallen trees and limbs, and use caution or traveling;

- Avoid the use of candles for illumination due to fire hazards;
- Follow the manufacturer's safety instructions on the use of emergency generators, and be sure to shut off the main breaker when in use and operate the units outdoors;
- Operate cars and motor vehicles outdoors only, and never inside the garage; and
- Avoid travel along roadways as hazardous conditions may cause driving accidents, including those involving utility poles which may cause power interruptions.

Customers can **stay informed** of storm and restoration conditions in the following ways:

- **By text messaging:** Customers should enroll in Central Hudson's Texting Program to use text messaging to report their power condition and to obtain repair status. To enroll, visit www.CentralHudson.com/Alerts or text REG to 236483;
- **On the Web:** Visit www.CentralHudson.com/Storms to report outages and obtain restoration updates;
- **Via smart phones:** A mobile version of the Central Hudson's website can be accessed by web-enabled cell phones and mobile devices at <https://mobile.CenHud.com>. Free Central Hudson mobile applications for Android and Apple and are also available by logging onto www.CentralHudson.com/mobileapp;
- **Through social media:** "Like" Central Hudson on Facebook ([Facebook.com/ CentralHudson](https://www.facebook.com/CentralHudson)) and "Follow" on Twitter ([www.Twitter.com/CentralHudson](https://www.twitter.com/CentralHudson)); and
- **By phone:** Call the Central Hudson PowerLine at (845) 452-2700 or 1-800-527-2714, and please use the automated system to report or monitor your power condition.

More information on preparing for storms and emergencies and communicating with Central Hudson is available at www.CentralHudson.com; for information regarding electric and natural gas safety, visit www.CentralHudson.com/Safety.