

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 2, 2010

TO: All Westbrook Residents

FROM: Noel Bishop First Selectman
George Pytlik, Emergency Management Director

RE: Important Information Regarding Hurricane Earl

We direct your attention to the following information that is current as of Thursday, 9/2/10, 10:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to stay current by watching the frequent weather updates in the media since the hurricane's status may change in a few hours.

Currently, it appears that the storm will track considerably east of Connecticut. However, heavy rain can be expected on Friday along with strong winds. Anticipate power outages and contact CL&P, at 1-800-286-2000.

For the Westbrook residents living near the shore, there is the possibility of minor flooding in low-lying areas. The town encourages you to remove your vehicles to all Municipal Parking lots that will be open 24 hrs.

If there are any medical emergencies, please call 911 as you normally would.

Westbrook's Emergency Management Team has long established protocols that have been developed for such emergencies. They include the following; **stay away from down wires**, do not use candles, secure all moveable outdoor furniture, grills etc., stay out of the water and most importantly, ensure that there is adequate food and water in the event of power outages. Storm preparedness brochures are available at the Town Hall.

The most important communication at this point comes from the Governor and all of her staff who have been in contact with municipal leaders with the following message:

“Take the storm seriously, stay tuned to constant weather updates, remain calm and use common sense.”