

The State of Connecticut is bracing for potential severe weather as a result of Hurricane Earl, which is forecasted to pass by the east coast later this week. CL&P is monitoring the storms path with the national weather service and is making preparations to deal with any damage that may occur.

The safety of CL&P's customers and all citizens is always its top priority. **EVERYONE** should avoid downed power lines and report them immediately by calling 911. Customers should call 1 800 286 2000 to report power outages.

Remember, only qualified CL&P personnel or contractors are authorized to remove debris from power lines. Customers and citizens should **never** approach downed wires for any reason.

As always, when a storm hits, CL&P's first priority is taking the necessary steps to make the areas safe for customers, citizens and workers. Once all areas are "made safe" their efforts shift to damage assessment, then restoration begins. During restoration, CL&P's priorities are critical facilities (police/fire stations, hospitals, day care centers, schools, water and sewage treatment facilities, etc.

Please make personal preparations for this storm and stay safe.