

Governor Phil Murphy

# Acting Governor Way Declares State of Emergency in Preparation for Flash Flooding and Severe Thunderstorms Across New Jersey

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*State of Emergency Declared Across All 21 Counties*

*Rainfall Could Reach a High of Seven Inches in Parts of the State*

**TRENTON** – Acting Governor Tahesha Way declared that New Jersey will enter a State of Emergency effective at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2025, due to the potential for flash flooding, severe thunderstorms, intense rainfall, and damaging wind gusts. Rainfall totals of 1-3 inches are generally expected, with localized amounts of 5-7 inches possible. These extreme weather conditions can result in landslides, rock slides, and flooded roadways. Executive Order No. 394 declares a State of Emergency across all 21 counties, closing state offices early and allowing for resources to be deployed throughout the state during the duration of the storm.

“Beginning this afternoon, we are expecting severe thunderstorms to bring heavy rainfall and damaging wind gusts with the potential for flash flooding across the state,” **said Acting Governor Way**. “I urge all New Jerseyans to remain alert, follow all safety protocols, and monitor the proper channels for the duration of these storms. Residents should remain off the roads and indoors unless absolutely necessary.”

The Acting Governor encourages New Jerseyans to visit [ready.nj.gov](https://ready.nj.gov) for important weather updates and safety information. Residents should also monitor local forecasts, warnings, and watches.

For those living in Northern New Jersey and the New York Metro area, visit the U.S. National Weather Service New York, N.Y. at <https://www.weather.gov/okx/> (<https://www.weather.gov/okx/>).

For those living in Central and Southern New Jersey, visit the U.S. National Weather Service Philadelphia/Mount Holly at <https://www.weather.gov/phi/> (<https://www.weather.gov/phi/>).

For a copy of Executive Order No. 394, please click [here](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20250731/a0/f3/c7/fa/f3f99b3d238e920a01c59632/EO-394.pdf) (<https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20250731/a0/f3/c7/fa/f3f99b3d238e920a01c59632/EO-394.pdf>).

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