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## **Sussex County asks for storm damage reports**

***Officials assessing extent of destruction caused by flooding, winds and rain from powerful coastal storm***

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RELEASE**

**1700 Hours, Sunday  
Nov. 15, 2009**

Sussex County emergency managers are asking property owners and residents affected by last week's powerful coastal storm to report any damage to homes, businesses, cars or other property so officials can gain a clear picture of the extent of destruction wrought by the worst nor'easter to hit the region in at least a decade.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, members of the public who experienced any storm-related damage to their properties should call the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center at (302) 856-7366.

Property owners and residents should be prepared to speak in detail about the type of damage suffered, what caused it, the location, and whether they have insurance. Damage must be as a result of the storm between Wednesday, Nov. 11, and Sunday, Nov. 15.

"Now that the storm has passed and people are making their way outside or back to their properties, we need to get an assessment of the amount of damage out there," EOC Director Joseph L. Thomas said. "There is definitely flooding damage, particularly along the Inland Bays and the Atlantic coast, and as the days wear on, I'm sure we're going to see the reports pour in as people begin the hard task of cleaning up."

The Sussex County EOC also reminds residents and property owners with photographs of flooding or other storm damage to share those pictures with officials. Visit [www.sussexcountyde.gov/stormphotos](http://www.sussexcountyde.gov/stormphotos) to upload storm images.

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**Media calls should be directed to EOC spokeswoman Debra Jones at (302) 855-7801.**